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First Parish Unitarian Church
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1947

Prudential Committee Meeting, Thursday Evening, Oct. 9, 1947, at 8:00 P.M. at the Parsonage.

Present: Mrs. Josephine Johnson - Alliance
" Edwin J. Reyon - "
" Edward T. Murphy - Clerk
Mr. G. Stewart Smith - Parish Committee
" Orion Wight - Treasurer
" Pensforth Yeo - Young People's Group
Rev. Eric Altouleyer - Minister

In the absence of the Moderator Mr. Ayer was chosen to serve in that capacity. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.
The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. This showed a balance on hand Oct. 9 1947 of $53.51. It was stated by the Treasurer that the oil tank was full and the oil bill for last season paid in full.
There were presented to the meeting two legal forms to be filled out to fulfill the requirements of the A.U.A. in connection with the mortgage which they are taking in return for the sum of $1500 to be used to pay for the new church roof and repairs to the ceiling in the auditorium. It was the sense of the meeting that the Parish Meeting held on Aug. 14, 1947 had given all necessary authority for the completion of these forms and that it would not be necessary to hold a

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special Parish Meeting in connection there-
with. Mr. Wight took the forms and agree
to have the required form of mortgage
drawn up, the insurance policies altered
as necessary, etc. so that these papers would
in readiness when the money is needed.

Mr. Yeo suggested that the church fund
which are now invested in savings banks, c
operative shares, etc. at rates of interest
of from 2 to 2½% be transferred to the A.U.
in order to obtain a larger income therefrom
the rate of interest received from the A.U.A. ha
been for several years 4%. It was voted to h
a meeting of the trustees of the Ministeri
Fund to talk over the disposition of the fu

Mr. Yeo suggested that the Church migh
undertake the running of a blanket clu
to raise funds. He pointed out that this ha
been done with excellent results by other
organizations in the town. It was the opi
ion of the meeting that this would involv
a lot of work and bookkeeping and the
seemed to be no one who would undertake
at the present time. The idea was put asi
for further consideration when there woul
not be quite so many things under way
at present.

It was voted to have the Talent Campai
end with a supper on Nov. 1st at which
time the talent dollars with their increa

would be due. A covered dish supper was thought to be best for this occasion, and it was decided to notify the congregation of the end of the campaign and the supper by means of the Parish Letter.

Next, Mr. Smith moved that the rental of the vestry to the Women's Club be reduced from $7.50 to $6.00 for the balance of this year provided they hold all of their meetings there. It seems that the Club states that it cannot afford to pay the amount asked. However, in the discussion which followed it was pointed out that because of the fact that their meetings are held on Friday it is necessary to heat the vestry entirely for their use; also, if this reduction were made to them it would be necessary to reduce the rent to all other organizations. The vote taken on Mr. Smith's motion was: In favor of the motion, 1; opposed, 4; not voting, 1. (Note: As it later turned out, the Womans Club did hire the vestry for its meetings at $7.50. The Red Cross, to whom we had offered to make the winter price $5.00 and the summer price $3.00 gave up renting it and hired the Episcopal vestry.)

It was voted that the vestry may not be hired without the knowledge and consent of the Parish Committee. Use of the vestry by church organizations and members should

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also go through the Parish Committee.

It was voted to find out whether or not the lumber for the new supports for our vestry tables was a gift from Mr. Allen Kingbury. If so, it was voted that the Clerk should send him a letter of appreciation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Helen S. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

Nov. 17 1947 Prudential Committee Meeting, Monday Evening Nov. 17, 1947, at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Edward T. Murphy, Clerk.

Present: Mr. Chas. F. Allen, Collector
" Geo. L. L. Allen, Moderator
Rev. Eric Alton Cryer, Minister
Mrs. G. Stewart Brannan, Parish Com
" Josephine Johnson, Alliance
" Edwin J. Keyes, "
" Edward T. Murphy, Clerk
" Herbert L. Works Parish Comm
" Bensforth Yeo Young Peoples Gro

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:10 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer, who was absent, was read by the Clerk and accepted subject to a minor correction. This report showed a balance on hand of $235.39, of which 213.20 was really

from the Harvest Fair held on Sept. 20, 1947.

Mr. Geo. L. L. Allen informed the meeting that a communication from the A.U.A. had stated that future interest payments on money invested with the A.U.A. would amount to less than 4% (the rate now being received) although the exact figure was not given. Mr. Allen expressed himself as not in favor of investing any more funds with the A.U.A.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Frank Aldrich expressing thanks for the roses sent her husband while he was hospitalized; and a communication from the local chapter of the Red Cross stating that they were giving up the use of the vestry as a work-room due to the increased rental ($5.00 a meeting during the heated season and $3.00 a meeting during the summer). The meeting was informed that the Hannah Adams Club had decided to use the vestry for the rest of its meetings this year, of course at the stipulated rental of $7.50 per meeting.

The question was raised as to whether that rental actually reflects the cost of heating and maintaining the vestry. Mr. Ayer presented figures to the effect that it takes 2½ gallons of oil per hour to heat the vestry to approximately 60°. It figures out that it costs approximately $6.00 a day to heat the vestry. There was a

check made of the last two years' oil bills to see how the cost of heating worked out. It was found that at the old rate the church actual was losing money by renting its vestry. The amount paid did not cover the expense actual incurred by the church! Mr. Works suggestd clock arrangement to see how many hours in 24 the burner runs. This test, conducted over a period of time, would give a rather accurat check on the cost of heating the vestry. Mr. Works offered to make this check and it was voted to have him do so. It was agreed that rental would have to include not only the cos of heating & lighting but also an additional amount for maintenance, including such things as repairs, insurance, etc.

It was decided that the best way to kee an orderly record of the use of the church so th there would be no conflicts, would be by means a calendar of events. The Parish Committee, through whom use of the church must be clear was considered to be the proper agency to maint such a calendar. It was also considered to b their duty to notify the janitor of any contempl use of the church or vestry.

The next question which was brought up for consideration was whether or not th was any necessity for holding a special paris meeting to approve the changing of the pres first mortgage held by the Trustees of the

Medf[illegible] nd) to a second mortga[illegible] rst mortgage on the Ch[illegible] to the A. U. A, it having [illegible] al to place a mortga[illegible] onsiderably study shows t[illegible] to trace the title to the la[illegible] rtgage stands to the exten[illegible] egal requirements. Mr. Josep[illegible] of Medfield, has bee[illegible] is title, but because t[illegible] ed so long ago and the[illegible] t point, it seems more fe[illegible] mortgage on the Church. [illegible] there is no necessity for a parish meeting as the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund have all the authority necessary to make the change from a first to a second mortgage.

Registry of Deeds –
Unitarian Church –
Book (1st Cong. Parish)
598 – page 352

Book (1888)
603 – page 609

Deed Book — land & bldg. (Aug. 10, 18[illegible])
1098 – page 290 (½ acre)

Book page Deed
610 – 269 (1886)

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Book page [illegible] 2,500 [illegible]
834 – 83

Mr. Yeo called attention to the fact that under the statute of adverse possession it would be possible, at relatively slight expense, to go through a legal procedure which would clear the title on the parsonage land, and the meeting agreed that it would be wise to do this so that in the future no similar difficulty would be encountered.

The subject of the by-laws was next considered. The present by-laws were adopted in 1917, certain additions and amendments having been made since that time. It was

The penciled notations attached to this page were given to me by Benjamin [illegible], who stated they cover the deeds which clarify our title to the land on which the parsonage stands. Attached for future reference, if necessary. H. S. [illegible]

decided to consider the by-laws, probably at the next meeting, with a view to suggesting desirable changes in them for consideration at a Parish meeting. Mr. Works will have copies made and these will be distributed to the members of the Prudential Committee to study.

Mr. Geo inquired as to what had been done about liability insurance covering the church property. The Clerk explained that Mr. Smith of whom she had made inquiries, was not prepared to handle this type of insurance, and that she had not gotten in to see a Boston insurance firm. Mr. Geo, who is in Boston everyday, said he would look into this matter.

Mr. Leger showed the meeting the Thanksgiving offering envelopes to be used the following Sunday for an offering in addition to the regular pledge. It was voted that the money so received be used for general church purposes.

Mrs. Bramman spoke of the gas heater in the church kitchen, which is not working as it should. It was decided that she should call the gas company to make the necessary adjustment. Mr. Works suggested that Mr. Leger have a list of names of various people and phones to contact in case of emergency - such as a plumber, oil burner repair man, etc.

Mr. Leger told the meeting that for the last two or three Sundays the Gou

people of high school age have been bringing their young friends to the vestry to have a good time dancing, playing games, etc. Mrs. Eager thought it would be a good idea to permit them to have a sort of Open House on Sunday afternoons, say from 2:30 to 5:00 P.M. and asked the Prudential Committee to sanction such use of the vestry, with the understanding that there shall always be adult supervision of these gatherings. It is suggested that the group be a sort of club with membership cards to be held while the individual behaves himself. No rough behavior will be tolerated, and two such offenses will mean permanent expulsion. Parental permission is to be a requisite for membership. It was voted to permit the young people to use the vestry for this purpose and under these conditions.

The next subject discussed was the silver bowl which has been missing since Oct 18, when it was placed in the vestry to be used for holding flowers. Mrs. Brannan informed the meeting that the bowl was bought and presented to the church by Mrs. Onon Wight and Mrs. Sidney Taylor, and that Mrs. Wight suggests that since the bowl was relatively inexpensive the matter be dropped. Mr. Works informed the meeting that it was his intention to

try to find out by methods of this nature what was become of the boys. The recommend that the locks of the North street and kitchen doors be changed. It was voted that this be done and that keys to the doors be issued permanently only to the Deacons and the janitor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 P.M.

Steven S. Murphy
Clerk of the Church.

Dec. 9 1947

Prudential Committee Meeting, Tuesday Evening, December 9, 1947, at 8:00 P.M. in the Vestry.

Present: Tax. E. T. Allen, Collector
" J. T. L. Allen, Moderator
Mrs. G. S. Bramman, Parish Committee
" Josephine Johnson, Alliance
" E. S. Lyon "
" E. T. Murphy Clerk
Mr. G. S. Smith Parish Committee
" H. F. Works "
" J. W. Yeo Young People's Group
Candidate: " Orion Wright Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:15 P.M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The Clerk then read Rev. Mr. Lyon's letter of resignation. Since the acceptance of this resignation

is a matter for Parish action, a suggested warrant for a Special Parish Meeting was read. It was decided to confine the business of this Special Parish Meeting to action upon Mr. Ager's resignation and consideration of the steps to be taken toward calling a new minister. It was voted to hold this special meeting in the Vestry at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, 1947.

The next business was the appointment of a nominating committee to draw up the slate of officers for presentation to the annual Parish Meeting to be held in March, 1948. The committee chosen consisted of Mrs. C. F. Allen (to be asked to call the first meeting); Mrs. John Newell; Mrs. Orville Purdy; Mr. Henry Young; and Mr. Richard Huebener; with Mrs. Howard Kane & Mr. Clifford Bosselman as alternates. The Clerk was instructed to request that these people serve on the nominating committee.

The next item of business concerned a wooden cabinet, the property of the Red Cross Canteen, which is still in the Church Kitchen although the Red Cross has given up the use of the vestry. The Clerk reported that she had talked with Mrs. Lombard, in charge of the local Red Cross Canteen, concerning this cabinet & Mrs. Lombard had said she would see about having it removed. In

case they do not have a present use for this cabin
and would prefer not to bother to remove it, it
was voted to offer the Red Cross $2.00 for the
cabinet, this being the approximate estimate
price of the materials. (Note: the Clerk sub
sequently made this offer to Mrs. Lombard
but it was refused, and Mrs Lombard aga
said arrangements would be made to hav
the cabinet removed.)

In connection with the permission
previously granted by the Prudential Com
mittee for the young people to use the vestry
on Sunday afternoons for informal get-
togethers, Mr. Lyons said it was planned to
make a small charge to those attending. This
is to be used for the purchase of records
and other incidentals. There was no objection on the
part of the Prudential Committee. It was further
agreed that no smoking should be allowed at
these young peoples' meetings, since it is felt, the
smoking entails too great a fire risk because
of the ever present possibility of careless disposal
of cigarettes.

The young people need games, and it was
Mrs. Grammar's suggestion that a request for
such items be put in the parish letter.

The treasurer, who arrived at about
this point in the meeting, reported a balance
on hand at the time of the meeting of $326.
He asked the Prudential Committee to an[illegible] offic

vote authorizing him, as Treasurer, to change the first mortgage now held by the Trustees of the Trinosteria Fund to a second mortgage. It was so voted unanimously.

The Collector reported total collections for the month of $146.60. (This included $18.20 collected in the special Thanksgiving offering.)

The Treasury now being in a reasonably good condition, it was voted to take the $100 realized by the Fairs this year and put it in a separate account earmarked for payment on the new roof.

Next there was some general discussion about the possibility and advisability of having a nursery school in order that the young married people might find it possible to come to Church, but no action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Works of the Parish Committee said that while it was late to do the work, he had arranged with a Mr. Flaherty of Norwood to lay a stretch of asphalt sidewalk from the vestry door to the North Street sidewalk and that Mr. Flaherty would do the work within the amount of $15.00 voted for it.

Mr. Yeo reported that so far he had been unable to contact the proper person at the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. with regard to liability insurance for the Church Pro-

perty. Mrs. Bramman said she thought the Lumbermen's Mutual was the only concern which would take that type of insurance on a church. There is a combined policy covering liability and theft which would cost around $15.00 a year. Mr. Cho expects to make one more attempt to get in touch with the Liberty Mutual representative but if this does not work out presumably we will see what we can do about placing the insurance with the Lumbermen's Mutual.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Helen T. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

First National Bank
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Medfield, Mass.
December 11, 1947

Gentlemen:

At a meeting held on December 9, 1947, the Prudential Committee of the First Parish Unitarian Church of Medfield, Massachusetts, authorized the church treasurer, Mr. Orion Wight, to open a savings account in the name of "The First Congregational Parish in Medfield Building Fund"; and, as treasurer, he has authority to make deposits and withdrawals.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. Edward T. Murphy)
Clerk of the Parish

Jan. 16 1948 — Special Open Prudential Committee Meeting in the Vestry.

Present:

Prudential Committee:
Mrs. G. S. Bramman
Mrs. E. J. Keyon
" Josephine Johnson
" E. T. Murphy
" Arthur P. Smith
Mr. J. Stewart Smith

Others of the Parish:
Mrs. Dana Jefferson
Mr. Richard Lincoln
" Joseph Muir
" E. T. Murphy
Mrs. Robert Scott
" Guy Warburton
" Henry Young Jr.

In the absence of the Moderator Mr. Stewart Smith was chosen to act in that capacity and called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

The principal purpose of the meeting was to hear the Rev. Earl Huntington Jones from the A.U.A. Headquarters who was to discuss with us the subject of calling a new minister. The night was stormy and as Mr. Jones had not arrived at 8:10 it was decided to hold our business meeting prior to his arrival.

It was stated that it had been overlooked, at the previous Prudential meeting to vote a Christmas gift to Mr. & Mrs. Cayer. Mr. Smith, stepping down from the chair for the purpose, moved that the Committee appropriate $25 as a going away gift for the Cayers, and that we hold a farewell reception for them. It was so voted unanimously, and tentative plans were made to hold the reception at 4 P.M. on Sunday afternoon, January 25th. The

point was brought out that this reception might interfere with the Church Birthday Party, definite plans for which were not as yet completed. (For the record, let it be noted that a committee headed by Mrs. Howard Kane was later appointed, decided that the best plan would be to combine the two events, which they did most successfully, holding a combined Church Birthday supper and farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Ager on Saturday evening, January 24th, in the vestry, at which about 85 were present. It was a very nice party in every respect and great credit is due Mrs. Kane and her committee for a good job well done.

As the next matter of business, Mrs Brown told the meeting she had been informed by the A.C.A. that we should have a larger Pulpit Supply Committee than just the three members of the Parish Committee. Accordingly, the meeting voted to add Mrs. Edwin J. Keyon, Mrs. Arthur T. Smith, Mrs. Howard Kane, and Mr. Beresford Ips, thus bringing the total membership up to seven.

Mr. Mair inquired whether there was any way of enforcing the "no smoking" regulation at the Sunday afternoon young people's "Open House." Apparently there has not been the adult supervision at these meetings which the Prudential Committee specified as a requirement. Mr. Smith agreed to get in touch

with Mr. Isaacson this.

Mr. Penn not having arrived at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of home-made cake and coffee were then served. Just about the time we were finishing our refreshments, Mr. Penn arrived. His car had broken down in Westwood and, as it later turned out, he had telephoned Mr. Ryan who drove to Westwood, towed his car to a garage, and brought him back with him to Medfield.

Mr. Penn talked with us about the problems in connection with calling a new minister. He seemed to be of the opinion that we would be most successful in calling a young man, probably in the last year of Divinity School, although there might be a chance of getting a retired man. In the meantime, he agreed to supply our pulpit at $20 a Sunday. Mr. Penn answered questions for those present and gave us pertinent information. He was with us more than an hour and a half, leaving to get a bus first before 11 P.M. Thereupon the meeting adjourned for the second time.

Helen C. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

Jan. 4 Prudential Committee Meeting, Saturday
1948 Evening, at 8:00 P.M. in the Vestry.

Following the combined Church Birthday Party and farewell Reception to Mr. & Mrs. Leger held in the vestry on Saturday evening, January 24, 1948, a short meeting of the Prudential Committee was held.

Present: Mr. C. F. Allen, Collector
" Geo. L. L. Allen, Moderator
Mrs. J. Stewart Brannan, Church Clerk
Mrs. Josephine Johnson Allen
Mrs. Edwin Leger "
Mrs. Edward J. Murphy, Clerk
Mr. Arthur J. Smith, Sunday School
Mr. J. Stewart Smith, Parish Comm.
Mr. Herbert Works,

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Clerk turned over to Mr. Smith a letter received from the Rev. John Taylor of Sandwich, Mass. asking to be considered for the vacancy in our pulpit; also a letter from Mr. Penn of the Welfare Work which he forwarded data re the possible prospects for the post of minister of our church. Clerk then read copy of a letter which she had sent to Mr. Penn to the effect that we had decided not to hold church services on the next seven Sundays, due to the bad weather which reduced congregations to a minimum and made prospects bad for the supply

minister and also because of our desire to use the money which would be saved thereby toward fixing up the parsonage - or the time when we would again have a permanent minister. She then read a suggested warrant for a special parish meeting to authorize the temporary suspension of church services. In discussing when to hold this parish meeting it was suggested that the following Sunday "after church" would be a good time. At this it was pointed out that present plans indicated that there would be no church service to hold it "after". Mrs. Arthur Smith volunteered to conduct the service, her offer being most gratefully and enthusiastically received by all present.

This proposed procedure resulted in the logical sequence of thought: Why close the church at all? Why not hold our Sunday morning service with one of our own parish members acting as lay leader? We believed we could make out very well in this way for seven Sundays; and while it was decided to leave the warrant as it was worded - to see what the parish would do about dispensing with church services for a time - it was decided by the Prudential Committee that the suggestion of continuing services with lay leaders would be proposed at

the special parish meeting to be held on February 1st. Accordingly, the Clerk was instructed to post the warrant calling for the special parish meeting to be held in the church on that date at 12:00 M., after church services.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 P.M.

Helen J. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

Feb. 8 1948 (Special Meeting)

Special Prudential Committee Meeting in the Church on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1948, following Church service.

Present: Charles F. Allen, Collector; Mrs. Josephine Johnson & Mrs. E. J. Keyon, Alliance; Mrs. J. S. Bramman, Mr. G. S. Smith & Mr. Herbert Works, Parish Committee; Mrs. A. T. Smith, Sunday School; Mrs. Orion Wight, Treasurer; & Mr. Pensforth Yes, Young Peoples Group.

The meeting was informal and no moderator was appointed. The Clerk was absent, due to sickness and no Clerk pro tem was appointed. This report is being written from information given the Clerk subsequent to the meeting and is included in order that the record of the year's business may be complete.

Mrs. Brannman reported that she had looked into the question of putting liability insurance on the church property and found that in order to obtain it we would have to fix some plaster in the church vestibule ceiling, repair the linoleum in the vestibule floor, and clean out some lumber, etc. in the upper part of the church. After some discussion it was voted to drop the matter of this insurance.

Following the meeting some of the members of the Committee made an inspection of the parsonage to see what was needed in the way of repairs.

Helen S. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

Feb. 29 1948

The Prudential Committee met in the Church on Sunday, February 29, 1948, immediately following Church services.

Present: Mr. C. A. Allen, Collector; Mr. Geo. L. L. Allen Moderator; Mrs. Josephine Johnson, Alliance; Mrs. Edward T. Murphy, Clerk; Mrs. Arthur T. Smith, Sunday School; Mr. G. S. Smith & Mr. Herbert Works, Parish Committee.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 11:40 A.M.

The Clerk presented a suggested warrant for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. It was voted to accept this warrant, the Clerk to post it on the bulletin board on the porch of the Church on or before March 3, 1948. Copy of the warrant will be found at the bottom of this entry.

The following budget for the year 1948-49 was next drawn up for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting:

Estimated Income:		Proposed Expenditures	
Invested in fund ...	$146.00	Minister —	$1500.00
Upham fund	200.00	Music —	140.00
Alliance —	250.00	Fuel —	300.00
Christmas Fair —	180.00	Insurance —	75.00
Door collection —	120.00	Repairs —	200.00
Gifts —	-0-	Parish Letter —	75.00
Vestry rentals —	60.00	Janitor —	240.00
Pledges —	1724.00	Misc. —	150.00
Total	$2680.00	Total	$2680.00

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 P.M.

Helen S. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

W A R R A N T

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Parish, Medfield, Mass., will be held in the Vestry on Wednesday evening, March 10, 1948, at 8:00 P.M., to take action upon the following articles:

Article I. - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.- To hear and act upon the reports of the Parish officers and Chairmen of Committees.

Article III- To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund.

Article IV.- To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee.

Article V. - To elect the necessary Parish Officers for the coming year.

Article VI.- To see if the Parish will vote to change the name of the church to "The First Parish Unitarian Church of Medfield, Massachusetts".

Article VII- To see if the Parish will vote to change Article 1 of the Parish Articles of Government to read: "The name of this Society shall be "The First Parish (Unitarian) of Medfield, Massachusetts".

Article VIII-To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Prudential Committee.

Helen S. Murphy
Clerk of the Parish

March 1, 1948

April 15, 1948.

April 15, 1948. The Prudential Committee met in the Selectmen's rooms (by courtesy of Mr. Wright, Town Treasurer), since the vestry was in use for a Women's Club play rehearsal.

Present — Mr. Hardy Henderson, Moderator
Mr. G. Stewart Smith — Chairman, Parish Committee
Mr. Orion Wright — Parish Committee
Mr. Herbert F. Weeks — " "
Mr. Charles F. Allen — Collector
Mrs. Caroline Johnson — Alliance
Mrs. Howard Irvine — Young People's Group
Mrs. Arthur F. Smith — Sunday School
Miss Laura H. Smith — Clerk

Reports were read and approved of the Prudential Committee meeting Feb. 27, 1948, and of the annual Parish meeting on Mar. 15, 1948.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. Wright, retiring treasurer, who turned over the current bills & obs.

Bookkeeper treasurer — elect. The treasurer's report was in style.

Mr. Wright reported a balance of $141.54.

The Collector reported on hand $171.

It was observed that the amount (approximately $150) remaining from the $1500 steeple loan should be earmarked for repairs. A lively note that steeple was mentioned.

Change of name. In regard to the proposed change of name, Mr. Smith suggested that we consult the American Unitarian Association for advice on the legal aspects.

A.V.A. Contribution — Voted - that the Church give $15 to the American Unitarian Association ($7 of this to come from the Alliance.)

Notice Board — Voted - that a committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Parker be appointed to procure an out door notice board giving information on church services.

The Moderator appointed: Mr. Parker, chairman,
Mrs. Smith
Mr. Boardman.

Minister — In response to a communication from Mr. Frank Smith of the A.U.A., it was decided that Mr. Henry Smith should ask Mr. Frank Smith to preach for us and consult with us concerning a minister very soon.

Alliance — The Alliance reported plans as follows:
Neighborhood Produce Market in August - from surplus of gardens. Members of parish to be asked to keep the church in mind when planting.
Rummage Sale May 6

Committees — Flower Committee - Voted to ask Mrs. Richard Johnson to continue as chairman, with the following committee

Mr. Richard Lincoln — Mrs. Josephine Johnson
Mr. Hardy Henderson — Mrs. Herbert Norton.

(It was the hope of the Prudential Committee that each member of the Flower Committee would be responsible for procuring flowers for two months in the year, thus relieving the chairman of a considerable share of the burden which she has carried so generously in the past.)

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Ushers · Voted to ask Mr. Edward Murphy to continue as chairman of ushers, choosing his own committee.

The choosing of other committees (music, Hospitality, Religious Education, and Finance) was tabled for the time being.

Minor Repairs — The Clerk reported that the gas heater smokes when in use. Mr. Marks will inspect it.

— Mr. Marks will report to the janitor a dark dirty spot made in the vestry wall by the roofers.

Time of meeting — Voted: that the regular meetings of the Prudential Committee be held on the second Thursday of each month.

Miscellaneous — Mr. Marks must have information for the next Parish letter by Monday evening, April 19.

Letters of thanks for flowers were read from Wilmae Thorne and Richard Huebener. Miss Laura Smith thanked the Church for Christmas and Easter plants sent to her mother.

A letter of Feb. 25, 1948 was read from Mrs. Harold Whiting of Malta, requesting that her name be dropped from our membership. Mrs. Murphy, the former clerk had notified Mrs. Whiting that her request would be carried out.

Statistics for the A.U.C. Yearbook were given to the clerk for the Alliance by Mrs. Johnson, for AUY by Mrs. Hane, for the Sunday School by Mrs. Smith, and for financial matters by Mr. Wright

The meeting adjourned at 10.35

Respectfully submitted,

Laura A. Smith - Clerk of the Parish

May 20, 1948 The Prudential Committee held its regular meeting in the Vestry at 8 P.M.

Present - Mr. Henderson, Moderator
Mr. Boardman, Treasurer
Mr. G. Stewart Smith } Parish Committee
Mr. Herbert F. Marks }
Mrs. Marburton, - Sunday School
Mrs. Arthur F. Smith } Alliance
Mrs. Keyes }
Mrs. Howard Kane - C.-D.-Y.
Miss Laura H. Smith, Clerk.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Committees — Committees - The Clerk reported that Mrs. Richard Johnson will continue to serve as chairman of the Flower Committee, but that Mr. Murphy had declined to serve as head usher.

Repairs — Repairs - Mr. Marks reported that the gas heater works properly if only the faucets are operated. He recommended that the other levers should not be touched. -

The black spot near the vestry door has been repainted. -

Records — The Parish book has not yet been found in the parsonage, where Mr. Deyer says it was left. Mrs. Hardy Whiting's name cannot be found in the Parish records. (She has requested withdrawal of her name.)

The Clerk turned Christian Register subscription books over to Mrs. Keyes, and distributed the material from the monthly minister's "Packet" where it would be most likely to be read. -

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(From this point on, Mrs. Howard Kane finally served

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as Secretary pro tem, since the Clerk had to leave.

Miscellaneous. Mrs. Keyon conveyed thanks from Miss Molly Hamant for the flowers sent to her sister and her at Easter by the Church.

The Anniversary Week Banquet on Thursday, May 27, was announced by the Moderator.

In regard to a chairman of ushers, it was suggested that we contact Harry Young.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $549.68
(previous balance - quitmeeting - $141.54.)

Announcement was made of a gift of $25 towards new hymn books in memory of Mr. Clement Holbrook. The Clerk was instructed to write a note of thanks to Mr. Holbrook's sister, Mrs. Dana B. Jefferson.

The young people are to send their own delegate to the Prudential Committee meeting from now on.

The Sign Board Committee reported that a notice board for church services would cost about $70.

The meeting adjourned at 9.45

Respectfully submitted
Laura H. Smith - Clerk
Dorothy Kane - Clerk pro tem
(per L.H.S.)

June 10, 1948.

The Prudential Committee met June 10, 1948 in the Vestry. The following were present:

Mr. Works } Parish Committee
Mr. Wright }
Mr. Henderson, Moderator
Mrs. Arthur Smith
Mrs. Hogue
Mrs. Warburton
Miss Laura Smith, Clerk.

(Alliance)
(Sunday School)
(Mr. Laurence Smith)

The Secretary's Report was read and approved, after correction of the item concerning the gift in memory of Mr. Clement Holbrook.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Clerk, as follows:

Balance May 20	$549.68
Paid out	-148.31
Balance now	401.37

Committees

In regard to Committees:

Ushers. - Mr. Harry Young is serving as chairman.

Religious Education - Mrs. Warburton offered to summarize some of the material coming from headquarters and report on it. Mr. Works suggested shorthand reports of sermons for Parish Letter. Mrs. Warburton suggested outline of sermon points in advance.

Miscellaneous. - Mr. Works asked for suggestions regarding future mimeographing, now being done in his office.

Mimeographing.

The Clerk offered the use of a hand mimeograph.

Parish List

Voted - that Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Henderson, and Miss Laura Smith be asked to draw up a complete Parish list from the lists in their possession.

Voted - that Mr. Works be authorized to secure the services of a paper hanger who can be hired for $1 an hr., plus transportation

from Williams.

Church attic — Mr. Works brought up the need of cleaning the church attic.

Grounds — Voted - that Mr Works be appointed to make a bargain with the Townsend Fellowship and try to make a bargain for cleaning up the grounds in return for money to be used toward their Star School expenses.

Church records — Mr. Works reported that some old church records are in the parsonage. He has taken some old deeds home for safety. (Mr. Wright says that some of church records are in the Townsafe.)

(At this point, Mr. G. Stewart Smith arrived.)

Minister — Voted: that a Special Parish Meeting be called for Friday, June 18 at 8 P.M. at the Vestry to select a candidate for the pulpit vacancy, and to set the date for the Harvest Fair.

Articles of Govt — Voted: that a Committee be appointed to revise the Articles of Government.

The Moderator appointed Miss Laura Smith as Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith,
Clerk.

Special Parish Meeting

Copy -

June 18, 1945

Warrant

A special meeting of the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) will be held in the meeting on Friday evening June 15 at 8 P M, to take action upon the following articles.

Article I - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Article II - To set a date for the Harvest Fair.

Article III - To select a candidate for the pulpit vacancy.

By order of the Prudential Committee

Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish

June 10, 1945

Special Parish Meeting - June 18, 1948

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Warrant

A special meeting of the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) will be held in the vestry on Friday evening, June 25, 1948 at 8 P.M. to take action upon the following articles:

Article I - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II - To make a decision regarding the filling of our pulpit vacancy

By order of the Prudential Committee

Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish

June 18, 1948

Sept. 9, 1948 - Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee met on Sept. 9, 1948 in the Vestry with the following members present:

Mr. Henderson - Moderator
Mr. Works
Mr. G.S. Smith } Parish Committee
Mr. Bassalman - Treasurer
Mr. Charles F. Allen - Clerk
Mrs. Warburton - S.S. Supt.
Mrs. Josephine Johnson - (unofficially representing alumnae)
Miss Fanny Smith, Clerk

The minutes of the June 10 meeting of the Prudential Committee were read, and approved with a correction indicating that Mr. Works had been definitely authorized to secure the services of his seasonally priced paper hanger for the parsonage.

The minutes of the Parish Meetings of June 18 and 25 were read and accepted after Mr. Works had inquired who had been appointed Chairman of the Harvest Fair. The Clerk had no record on this point.

Parish Letter

Voted - that Mr. Works be authorized to purchase for $17.50 a used mimeograph in excellent condition for printing the Parish Letter.

Mrs. Henderson has most kindly offered to make up, stencil, + print the Parish Letter regularly if the Minister and representatives of the various church organizations will send her the necessary material. She would, however, like help in mailing the Letter after the first issue, to be sent out before our opening service on Sept. 19.

Voted - that the young people be asked to appoint a Committee to take charge of mailing the Parish Letter weekly.

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Minister

Mr. Marks mentioned the matter of inviting the minister to attend part of each Stewardship Committee meeting.

Financial

The Treasurer reported a balance of $319.48*
The Collector reported that he had turned over
*70.88 to the Treasurer in June, July, and August.

(Mrs. Warburton arrived at this point.)

Repairs

Mr. Marks will find out if the reasonable paper hanger is still available, as Mr. Rosselman has offered to transport him from Wrentham.

Mr. Warburton reported that Mrs. Lee is very much pleased with the parsonage, but is in great need of kitchen cupboards, and would prefer not to have the living room and hall papered. Therefore, Mr. Marks decided to kalsomine the hall and living-room, and to do the upstairs papering with volunteer labor.

Mr. Marks said that the following repairs were badly needed at the parsonage:

1. Eaves and downspouts - cleaning and re-conditioning needed
2. Front-porch substructure, which is rotting — needs to be checked and partially rebuilt
3. Five or six windows need new cords.
4. More storm windows probably necessary, for the first floor and the cellar.

Mr Hooks reported repair expenditures at the Parsonages as follows.

$120 for material
$34.39 down payment for refrigerator
$45 - gas stove

$14.70 a month for twelve months is due on the refrigerator

Music — Voted - that Mr Smith write a notice for the Parish Letter, asking for volunteers to buy "Hymns of the Spirit" @ $1.25 apiece. Seventy five copies are needed. Those willing to contribute should notify Mr Smith, or put the money in the contribution plate in an envelope specifically labeled

Minister — Voted - that the Clerk be authorized to send a telegram to be approved by Mr Hooks and Mr Wright, to Mr Lee in regard to the financial arrangements and other incidental matters which must be settled by discussion between Mr Lee and the Prudential Committee. It was mentioned that the Alliance will pay the home telephone rates for the parsonage, and also for toll calls on Parish business. The Church to pay parsonage water and electric charges.

Voted - that the Alliance be asked to arrange a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Lee, in the form of an "Open House" to take place within two weeks of the Lees arrival.

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Miscellaneous - The Clerk was asked to request organization heads to send information for Sarah Fitts to Mrs. Henderson and to give Mrs. Henderson a list of organization heads.

Mr. Mock reported that the underpinning chest of drawers in the vestry had been repaired for $125. The present temporary substitute will be removed when the cupboards have been built.

The possible use or marking of Mrs. Ellen Stone's legacy of $50 to pay for the parsonage stove was proposed by Mr. Marks, but opposed by some who felt that Mrs. Stone's ardent interest in the church services would render some other memorial to her more appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith,
Clerk

402 Main Street
Medfield, Mass.
September 30, 1948

COPY

Mr. Kendrick R. Lee
27 North Street
Medfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lee:

At a meeting of the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) of Medfield on June 25, 1948, it was unanimously voted that you be called to fill our pulpit as a student minister.

Since the matter of salary has not been definitely decided upon, it is the wish of the Parish that you meet with the members of the Prudential Committee to arrive at an early decision on this and other essential points. The minutes of that meeting, together with this letter, will then constitute the full agreement between us.

As in the past, we consider that occupancy of the parsonage constitutes a portion of the minister's salary, and details of that occupancy will be discussed with you at the meeting. Also, some decision should be reached concerning the number of days which you expect to be able to apply to Parish activity each week, and the conditions under which a possible termination of our agreement could occur.

I trust that you have already realized with what pleasure we are welcoming you, Mrs. Lee, and Kendrick, Jr. to our parish, and our hope that your stay with us may be long and fruitful. May we all attack our common problems with the sincerity, candor, and kindliness in which you have already shown the way.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Hamilton

Clerk of the Parish.

P.S. From our telephone conversation I understand that next Thursday, Oct. 7, at 8 P.M. in the Vestry, will be convenient for you to attend the Prudential Committee meeting.

Oct. 7, 1948

The Prudential Committee met on October 7, 1948 in the Vestry at 8 P.M. with the following members present:

Mr. Henderson – Moderator
Mr. G. S. Finch – Parish Committee
Mr. Charles Allen – Collector
Mr. Boselman – Treasurer
Mrs. Arthur F. Finch } Alliance
Mrs. Edwin J. Kegan }
Mrs. Ray Warbaton – SS.
Mr. Lee –
Mr. Hardy Henderson, Jr. – C.D.Y.
Miss Laura Smith, Clerk
Mr. Herbert Nash – Parish Committee (not present at meeting.)

The Clerk's report for the September 9 meeting, including the Clerk's letter of Sept. 30 to Mr. Lee, was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report. – The Treasurer reported a balance of $136.59.

Repairs – The Treasurer gave to the Clerk the letter of April 13, 1948, from our insurance agents, regarding recommendations to which we agreed when our policy was issued. This letter was read aloud at the meeting, and will be entered in the Prudential Committee records. [See p. 43] –

a discussion followed in regard to recommendations of this letter, and the following action was planned:

1.) On recommendation 1. – Mr. Hardy Henderson, Mr. Hardy Henderson, Jr., Mr. Boselman, and a volunteer crew from the C.D.Y.

will clear out the church attic at 7 A.M. on October 12.

2.) On recommendation 2 - the same group will hope to deal with the horse chestnut crest on the ceiling in the front vestibule.-

3.) On recommendation 3 - The defective ceiling in the basement choir room. Mr. Henderson and the minister inspected this, but feel it cannot be tended to at present.

A.U.Y.- Mr. Hardy Henderson, Jr. reported as follows:
Mr. Second Mr. G. Stewart Smith are the directors of the A.U.Y. this year.
The group will present plans to the Prudential Committee each month, and ask its approval for dances and other activities.
For October - the plans are as follows:
Oct. 15 - The Milford Youth Group and Mr. & Mrs. Dyer are invited to a meeting with refreshments and a dance.
(The Prudential Committee are also invited.)
Oct. 30 - Sat. 10 A.M. - Football
Later plans - On Oct. 27 (Youth Sunday) - the A.U.Y. group will take care of everything for the church service at may possibly give flowers for one or more additional Sundays, and possibly helpful on purchase of hymn books.

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Voted - that the Prudential Committee approve the fall schedule of A.U.Y activities.

Collector's Report — The Collector has received 22.70 for hymnals.
" " has turned over no money to the Treasurer recently.

Alliance — The Alliance reported that it will be glad to handle refreshments for a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, but would like the Parish as a whole to plan the affair.
The Alliance will give $50 to the Roof Fund when the Parish has raised $500 for the purpose.

Notice board — Voted - to change the name on the Riverside Pulpit Board to "First Parish Unitarian."

Voted - to ask Mr. Prowse (through Mr. Bracelman) to change the minister's name on the Wayside Pulpit case, and to letter a sign giving information about church services, this sign to be placed inside the Wayside Pulpit case the latter part of each week.

Change of name — Mr. Lee reported that Mr. Frank Smith of the A.U.A. had told him that if bequests and other gifts have been made to the "First Congregational Parish" (Unitarian), a change of name can be effected only through the courts. If the Parish wishes to do this, a committee should apply to the A.U.A. for more

specific advice. (It is possible to declare by vote that a meeting of the Parish and a meeting of the Church are the same, and to set up one book of members. Then all members of the Parish would belong to the Church, and vice versa.)

Appeals. - The United Unitarian Appeal letter of Sept. 20 was read and laid on the table.

Salvation Army appeal - It was voted that we do not contribute as a church, since virtually all our members have been approached individually already.

Vestry - Mr. G. S. Smith reported that the Woman's Club no longer wishes to use the vestry.

Forum. - Mr. Lee reported that the discussion group would like to turn one meeting a month into a forum, with three speakers, if possible, and would like to ask Mr. Argo, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Paygard, and their parishioners to join with us in this venture.

Smoking in vestry - Mr. Lee asked, somewhat later in the meeting, if the young people could be allowed to smoke in the vestry.

Voted - that a committee be appointed to investigate the legal and insurance angles of this matter and report to the next meeting of the Prudential Committee.

Mrs. Marquetson and Mr. Beechman were appointed.

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Xmas Bazaar — Voted — at the end of the meeting it was voted that Miss Elinore Cole be appointed chairman of the Christmas bazaar, to pick her own committee, with the suggestion that Mrs. Jefferson be in charge of the fancy work table.

Business arrangements with minister — Business arrangements with Mr. Lee were made as follows:

Voted - that we start paying Mr. Lee, as of Sept. 15, 1948, on a temporary basis, at the rate of $1300 a year, this figure to be revised when he receives his final report from the Veterans' Administration.

[Mr. Lee is allowed by the Veterans' Administration a maximum of $290 a month, including $120 a month for subsistence given by the government. $290 less $120 = 170, less a tentative $50 for parsonage rental leaves $120 a month.]

[At this point Mr. Norks arrived.]

The Alliance pays basic monthly telephone rate for the parsonage telephone, and the cost of toll calls on Church business.

The Church pays electric and water charges for the parsonage.

Mr. Lee reported that he has attended classes at Harvard five

days a week at least, and sometimes six. He expects to give to parish work Saturday and Sunday and a third day made up shares of other days. He will plan to do his calling on parishioners in the evenings and his visits to the A. U. A. on parish business will be on weekdays of course.

Mr. Lee said that he will come to the Prudential Committee on invitation, and will depart after the A. U. A. representative has spoken.

Voted - That our agreement with Mr. Lee be effective until July 1, 1949, except that in the event of unforeseen circumstances this agreement can be terminated within ninety days by mutual consent of the Prudential Committee and Mr. Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon H. Smith,
Clerk.

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50 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Attention Mr. R. W. Lyman

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Mass St.

April 13, 1948

Gentlemen:

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH
NORTH STREET, MEDFIELD, MASS.

Please be advised that we have had the above premises re-inspected by our Engineering Department on April 2, 1948, and we find that recommendations 1, 2 and 3, which we submitted to you on January 28, 1948, are still outstanding. They are as follows:

1. Remove all old lumber, stools, etc., from top of main church ceiling.
2. Remove loose skim coat of ceiling in main front vestibule.
3. Repair defective ceiling in basement choir room.

This policy was issued with the understanding that these recommendations would be taken care of as promptly as possible and we would appreciate your attention in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Peter Salvaggio

PETER SALVAGGIO
UNDERWRITER

PS:MW

(See p. 38 of this book)

Will you please notify me when the above items have been taken care of?

R. W. Lyman

APR 14 1948
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BOSTON, MASS.

The Prudential Committee met at 8 P.M. in the Parsonage. The following were present:

Hardy Henderson, Moderator — Mrs. Arthur F. Smith
Charles F. Allen, Collector — Mrs. Edwin G. Kaye
Mrs. Warbeston – S.S. — Hardy Henderson, Jr. (A.U.Y.)
Mr. Lee — Miss Laura Kenneth Cole

(absences were due probably to delay by the Clerk and the Post-Office in regard to the notices of the meeting.)

The minutes of the October 7 meeting were read and approved;

AUY — Hardy Henderson, Jr. reported as follows for the AUY. –

No social events are planned for November in the valley. Tentative plans for December are to invite the Dedham and Needham youth groups for a social evening.

The AUY will let us know how many can help for the bazaar, if the chairman will let Hardy know the needs of the situation before Nov. 28. On that evening the young people can help.

Xmas Bazaar. — Mrs. Arthur F. Smith will take over the chairmanship because of the illness of Miss Cole's mother.

Mr. Lee — Mr. Lee said that the United Unitarian Appeal envelopes will go out with the third

Bulletin on this subject from the A. V. A.

*See correction on p. 48.

* Mr. Lee's arrangements with the Veterans' administration are not yet complete. Hence the Parish cannot yet make final arrangements with Mr. Lee.*

In regard to the open forum plans, Mr. Lee expected to see Mr. Cryo next week, and will try to see the other ministers soon.

Mr. Lee suggested that it could be saved by having Prudential committee meetings at the Parsonage this winter.

He reported that he had answered criticisms on the use of the rectory by stating that such matters were the responsibility of the Prudential committee.

He also mentioned the fact that some people were puzzled by the state of church finances and suggested a typed financial report at the end of the year.

[Hardy Henderson, Jr., left at this point, but it was the sense of the Committee that the A.V.Y. representative was entitled to say through to meeting if he so desired.] -

Repairs

In regard to the insurance company recommendations*, it was stated that recommendation number one had been carried out, (that is, the removal of débris from the Church attic.)

*See p. 44.)

Mr. Henderson noted that he would see of Hardy Henderson, Jr., and an A. V. Y. crew

could carry out recommendation number two (to remove the bare chim coat from the vestibule ceiling).

No action was taken on recommendation three, concerning the ceiling of the basement choir room.)

Notice board. - The minister's name and Parish name have been changed on the notice board.

It was not known whether Mr. Bassalman had petitioned Mr. Frances about the sign giving notice of church services. --

Parish Letter

Voted - In reply to an inquiry from Mrs. Henderson that a detailed account of receipts and expenditures for the Parish letter should be given to the Treasurer monthly.

Collector's Report

The Collector reported that he had turned over $91.00 to the Treasurer in the last month.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's balance was reported as $134.98.

Smoking in vestry

In regard to smoking in the vestry, Mrs. Marbleton reported that Mr. Tuttle does not handle our fire insurance, but that he believes that no fire insurance policies are written with clauses forbidding smoking. Mrs. Marbleton will endeavor to see the actual text of our policies, now supposed to be in custody of the A. U. C. Mr. Bassalman was not present to report on inquiries about the state fire rules. It was thought inopportune to decide about smoking in the vestry.

Voted - that Mr. Bassalman be asked to ascertain the cost of four Pyrene or other good hand fire extinguishers for church & vestry.

A discussion in regard to sound information and a "talent search" so-called followed the meeting, which was concluded at 9.45 P.M.

Dec. 6, 1948 — (1)

The Prudential Committee met on Dec. 6, 1948 at the home of Mrs. Edwin J. Hegeler on Main Street. The following were present:—

Mr. Henderson, Moderator — Mrs. Hegeler
Mr. Charles F. Allen, Collector — Mrs. Walter F. Smith } Fellows
Mr. Boardman, Treasurer — Miss Lucretia Smith, Clerk
Mr. Marks, Parish Committee — Mr. Lee.

The minutes of the Nov. 11 meeting were read and approved with the correction that there had been a misunderstanding by the Clerk at that time in regard to Mr. Lee's report of "no change" in his relations with the Veterans' administration. To clarify this matter, it was, therefore,

Business arrangements with Mr. Lee.

Voted — That the arrangements on salary for Mr. Lee made at the September meeting are actually entered and are to be considered as permanent. [See page 42.]

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was accepted, as follows:

$16 — present balance
54.15 has just been received from the Collector

Repairs — Notice board

In regard to the notice of church services to be put inside the "Neighbors Pulpit" the latter part of each week, Mr. Fenwick will ask Mr. Lee what is to be put on the sign, according to Mr. Boardman.

It was then voted that the whole framework of the Neighbors Pulpit needs re-inforcement, Mr. Marks

Mr. Borselman Mr. Allen, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Lee will attempt to take care of this matter before the round pledges and will see if it is possible to add a permanent notice, board for church services below the present "Keep Quiet" frame.

Liability insurance (See p. 44)

Recommendation number two of the liability insurance company - that is, the removal of the loose plaster cast from the vestibule ceiling, has been carried out, and permanent repairs are in process.

Repairs are also in process on recommendation three of the insurance company, that is, the ceiling of the basement choir room.

It was mentioned that the wall near the vestry door needs repairs. Temporary repairs will be undertaken soon by Mr. Borselman. - The walk in front of the parsonage also needs attention. -

Fire laws Smoking in vestry

Mr. Borselman reported that if the state inspection certificate reads "seating capacity 100 or more", the building comes under the state fire laws. If the certificate reads "seating capacity less than 100", the matter of smoking is up to the wardens of the building. -

Fire extinguishers.

Mr. Borselman also reported that Pyrene extinguishers cost about $10 apiece, a smaller type $4.95 apiece, of about one-half the capacity of the regular size.

Mr. Meeks recommended a small fire

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type of fire extinguisher cradled in spring mechanism and released by a thermal fire. He will ascertain the cost of this type of extinguisher.

Fire insurance

In regard to fire insurance on the parsonage, Mr. Weeks said the A.U.A. holds five (5) Quincy Mutual policies (Made & Gale) at $50 each on the parsonage. One of these expires Dec. 25, 1948 and has already been renewed, to run to 1953.

Voted - to increase the insurance on the parsonage now by $16.00 for five years.

Voted - to recommend a similar increase next year in the parsonage insurance if real estate conditions warrant.

Voted - that as insurance policies on either church or parsonage expire, or as additional insurance is taken out, preference be given to insurance agents who are active parish members.

Since the A.U.A. holds only the parsonage insurance policies, the question then arose as to the location of the insurance policies on the Church. Mr. Weeks is to investigate this matter, it being thought probable that these policies are in the possession of the Trustees of the Medfield Memorial Fund, who hold the mortgage on the Church.

Repairs — Mr. Noble will ask the Rumford Station to give Commerce oil for us to paint the church steps with.

Vestry — The Clerk was requested to send letters to the secretary of the Women's Club and of the American Red Cross, Medfield Chapter, to see what consideration they wish to make of the expense involved in their occupation and use in the vestry of the First Parish Church.

Mr. Lee — Mr. Lee reported on the plans for the Medfield Town Forum, to be sponsored by our church this winter in cooperation with the three other Protestant churches of Medfield. Four meetings will be held, on the last Sundays of January, February, March, and April. A charge of seventy-five cents for a ticket admitting to all four is planned, or twenty-five cents for single admission. The first meeting is to be on January 30, in the Congregational Church, with the subject: "Are Federal Price Controls Necessary?" - Dr. Benjamin and Miss Laura Smith are the laymen representing our church on the Forum Committee. A payment of five dollars, for fuel, to the church where the meeting is held, will be made; the two speakers will be given honorariums of five dollars apiece. Any profits will be held by an inter-church finance committee, and decision as to their disposition made at the end of the season.

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Mr. Lee asked if there were a couple of rents for our society.

On February 27 Mr. Lee has been asked to preach in ~~Milton~~ Milton. (See p. 53 *)

After December 19, Mr. Lee will do less than three days parish work each week. He has been doing more than this, and has dropped one course at Harvard. After Christmas Sunday he must give more time to his courses, in preparation for the mid-year examinations.

The committee recognized the necessity of this curtailment of Mr. Lee's time, with which he was so generous.

Mr. Lee

Mr. Lee reported that the A U Y group did not seem to have had much experience in running their own affairs, and that their greatest interest at present is in social affairs. Three of the young people are now attending A U Y training courses at A U A headquarters and four are going to the mid-winter conference.

S.S.

The Sunday School situation Mr. Lee felt is very encouraging, as is the nursery group of ten to thirteen children from three years of age up.

Repairs Roof - Mr. Morse said that the contractor, Mr. Flynn, who repaired the roof last year, will ascertain the cause of the present leaks, and will take care of them if they are within the contract. If they are not within the contract he will give us an estimate. He will do these things within the next ten days.

Mr. Lee - Mr. Lee said that he felt it was unusually a misfortune for him not to stay through the entire Prudential Committee meeting; that he would prefer to leave, as planned in September, after making his report and hearing the CCY representative report.

Calendar - Mr. Works mentioned the desirability of having a calendar for future activities

Prudential Committee Meetings - It was decided that the second Thursday of the month was the most favorable time for Prudential Committee meetings, the Clerk having canvassed all other possibilities thoroughly.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Smith
Clerk

January 13, 1949

The Prudential Committee met on January 13, 1949, at the home of Mrs. Arthur F. Smith in Harding. The following were present:

Mr. Henderson, - Moderator
Mr. Allen, - Collector
Mrs. Hepu - Alliance
Mrs. Arthur F. Smith - Alliance
Mr. Lee
Miss Laura Smith Clerk
Mr. Works - Parish Committee (late)

The report of the Clerk was accepted with the correction that meeting would be preaching in Milton on Feb. 27.

Treasurer - There was no Treasurer's report, as the Treasurer was absent.

Collector - The Collector, reported that he had turned over 157.05 to the Treasurer.

A U Y. There was no direct report from the A U Y as Hardy Henderson, Jr. was absent, due to illness.

Mr. Lee Mr. Lee reported that the A U Y had kept no recent meetings, but that some of its members had attended the midwinter conference. The A U Y has lost Mr Smith (G. S.), as leader, since he will take the Older Class in Sunday School, and will have a junior choir once a month, and perhaps an adult choir

(A U Y) once a month. The A U Y plan to have two meetings a month, one a Federation meeting, and one a meeting of their own group — a twenty minute business meeting, then a speaker, and a social period (2 hours, 25 minutes total). Mr. Lee said that the A U Y needs more leadership — lacking it locally, it must depend a good deal on what the conference gives us. He wondered if the Church would consider giving $5 prizes to those who attend conferences, $10 if it is for the first time. He pointed out that this might be considered a

(Star Island) small investment in youth, possibly $50 a year total. Next summer, for instance, five or seven may want to go to Star Island, four of whom have been already. They themselves are saving and earning money towards the $30 a week at Star.

Voted — that the loose collection on fourth Sundays go to the Star Island fund, that is, to the fund for sending A U Y members to Star.

Sunday School The desirability of a projector machine for the Sunday School was mentioned, at the request of Mrs Washington, and we learned that one can be borrowed

free from A U Y if we have some one to assist. It was then pointed out that Mr. Henderson has had considerable experience with such machines. - It was suggested that we be on the alert for advertisements of used machines, and that Mr. Lee look in the first hall closet of the parsonage for a projector of some type or other that belonged to a Commodore.

Memorial Day — Voted - that the Clerk send a letter inviting Kirkpatrick Post no. 110, American Legion, to hold its services on the Sunday before Memorial Day in our church at 11 A.M. (May 29). - The letter should go to Commander Dudley J. Goring.

Xmas bazaar — The Christmas bazaar report was not available because of the illness of Mrs. Murphy.

The Clerk reported that letters had been sent early in January to the Red Cross and the Women's Club in regard to their cupboards, but that no reply had been received to either.

Forum — In regard to the Medfield Open Forum, the Clerk reported that it would be open to all without charge, as some Committee members from other denominations had objected to charging for a meeting in a church. However, money is needed to pay market fees for speakers, expenses of publicity, and heating of the churches where the meetings are held. Hence, Sponsors' Cards will be sold, at seventy-five cents or more for the series of forty discussions. -

Parish Letter — The Clerk also reported that the postage on the Parish Letter would be $2.00 a week from now on, because of the increase in postage rates. It was

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Parish Letter. (continued)

Voted - that we carry the additional $2.00 a month postage on the Parish Letter for the balance of the fiscal year.

Voted - that amounts of gifts be not stated in the Parish Letter.

Voted - that the mimeograph machine be given a thorough professional overhauling. (Mr. Works or Mr. C.F. Allen will take it to Pennington in Norwood, behind the Flington Press.)

In the future, Mrs. Henderson will call reporters and give them news of the Parish direct, rather than send them the Parish Letter.

Alliance - Mrs. Smith reported for the Alliance that it has sent twelve French and German grammars for use in refugee schools in Europe, and 3000 Christmas cards to rural schools in the South. The Alliance is now sewing on garments for the Unitarian Relief project.

Sunday School

For the Sunday School Mrs. Smith reported that there will be no mother's meeting this month. The next project planned is the cleaning of the vestry. Mr. Works and Mr. Boardman will fix the steam leaks, and make the repairs needed on the vestry furniture before it can be painted. - Bulbs are needed in the kitchen.

Repairs. - The choir room ceiling is to be taken down this Saturday by Mr. Works and Mr. Henderson.

Repairs (cont.) The Wayside Pulpit has been urged (by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Warke, Mr. Bowlman, Mr. Allen, + Randy Henderson, Jr.) very firmly. The possibility of a notice board for services is still under consideration.

In regard to the roof leak, Mr. F. Lynn, the contractor has been out to view the situation (Mr. Warke said), but has made no report as yet.

Insurance - The insurance policies on the church have not yet been found. Orion Wright should be consulted on this point.

The $1600 additional insurance on the parsonage, as noted at the last meeting, has not yet been placed. Mr. Henderson will see to this.

Ministerial Fund - At a meeting of the Parish Committee and Trustees of the Ministerial Fund held the previous Sunday, new officers were chosen for the Fund. It was reported that the mortgages on the church are as follows:

$7000 - 1st mortgage
400
300

Sunday Coffee - The Leos, it seems, have been paying for the Sunday coffee, an arrangement which really seems fair. - Mr. Warke offered to buy the coffee for the rest of the season, Mr. Henderson will furnish the sugar, and Miss Laura Smith and Mr. Allen the cream for the same period. - It is planned to serve the coffee once or twice a month

after church services.

Safe Deposit Box

It was reported that Stewart Smith will take over the papers of the Ministerial Fund, and would like a safe deposit box to store them in. Inquiries will be made by Mr. Works and others in regard to rates and capacity of boxes at the Norfolk County Trust Co. in Norwood & Walpole, at Framingham banks, in Boston, etc.

Meanwhile, any one who has church papers should make a list of what ought to be put in the box.

It was also suggested that we be on the watch for an old safe in which to store Church Record Books and other papers.

Committees appointed

A Finance Committee for the balance of the fiscal year was appointed as follows: Mr. Boardman, chairman, ex officio; Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Warburton, Mr. Wright, Mr. Works, Mr. Charles F. Allen.

This committee is asked to plan our financial campaign in preparation for presenting the budget to the Annual Parish Meeting and for conducting our annual campaign for pledges.

A Nominating Committee was appointed, as follows: Mr. Richard Huebner (to call first meeting); Mr. Edwin Tennirnam; Miss Alida Hoar, Miss Eleanor Fox, Mrs Bertha Jefferson; with Mrs. Richard Inman and Mr. Orion Wright as alternates.

This Committee is asked to make up a slate and bring in a report for the Annual Parish

meeting on March 9 (Wednesday).

Agenda for meetings

It was unanimously all present as a worthwhile suggestion, in order to make our meetings more expeditious and efficient, that the members of the Committee notify the Moderator in advance, by the first of the month if possible, of matters which they may post to bring to the attention of the next Prudential Committee meeting. The Moderator will then prepare an agenda, grouping business of like matters together, and will, if possible, send this agenda to Committee members in advance, to enable them to have more time for forming opinions. - Parish members are to be asked to send matters to be brought up, to the Moderator or to some other Prudential Committee member by the first of the month.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20

Respectfully submitted
Laura H Smith,
Clerk of the Parish.

Jan 22, 1949

A special meeting of the Prudential Committee was held on Saturday - Jan. 22, 1949 at the home of Miss Laura Smith. The following were present:

Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hooks
Mr. Allen, (C.F.) Miss Keyes
Mr. G. S. Smith Miss Laura Smith

Jan. 22, 1949 (2)

Special meeting on Insurance

Insurance. The meeting was called in regard to the insurance of the Church. Mrs Marguerite Allen, of the Alex Allen Insur. Agency, had kindly agreed to explain some of our problems to us, although she made clear at the outset that she did it only as a favor and would by no means wish to take any business away from Mr. Lincoln.

On the Church we have 5 policies of $2000 each. – 4 – Norfolk & Dedham
1 – Worcester Mutual

One of these policies is for $500 on the church and 500 on furnishings. The pews are counted as part of the building. Some policies include the organ as part of the building.

All these policies are 5 yr. policies, one policy expiring in December of each year. Mrs. Allen explained to us some of the difficulties and shortcomings in our insurance program. As a result of her explanations, it was

Voted – to apply extended coverage no. 4, which includes hurricane as well as smoke damage, to all our policies on the Church.

Voted – to inquire the cost of a 60-day binder for $5000 increased insurance with extended coverage #4, from Worcester Mutual.

Then, a special Prudential Committee

(Special Meeting on Insurance.)

Insurance (cont.)

should be called to decide on placing the trouble, which would give us $500 additional insurance on the church until after the Parish Meeting in March.)

Some of the weaknesses of our insurance situation are due to our being in the 80% rate as-called, but not being insured to 80% of value. Thus, except in case of total-loss, we would not collect as much as might have been expected, as witness the following hypothetical case:

($10,000 value
$8,000 = 80%) ~~insurance [illegible]~~ but $6000 actually insured)

In case of $5000, (that is, 50%) loss, the owner must assume $\frac{1}{4}$ of $5000 or $1250. (8000 − 6000 = 2000, which = $\frac{1}{4}$ of $8000 or 80% value.)

∴ Insur. Co. pays 5000 − 1250 or $3750

Despite the above, Mrs. Allen advised us to stay on the 50% rate.

$24,000 at 80% would cost us $35.20 for 5 yrs

If we took the flat rate, a company would probably like us to carry

$15,000 — which would cost $77 for 5 yrs

The figures given us were as follows:

Extended coverage #4 has a $50 deductible clause. — Cost. — On 80% rate — .09 — 1 yr.
.36 — 5 yr.

On flat rate — .18 — 1 yr.
.72 — 5 yr.

Jan. 22, 1949 (4)
(Special Meeting on Insurance)

Insurance

Ordinary fire coverage 80% rate —	Flat rate
.78 - 1 yr.	1.11 - 1 yr
3.12 - 5 yr.	4.44 - 5 yr.

(For 3 yr., 2 ½ times rate for 1 yr.
For 5 yr., 4 " " " " "")

Miscellaneous In respect to other matters than insurance, it was mentioned that Mr. Allen, the Collector, had sent a letter to Mrs. Helen Monks Hutchinson, thanking her for her generous gift of one hundred dollars to the church. Mr. Allen will also send thanks to Mr. Julius Tofias for his recent contribution of ten dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith.
Clerk

N.B. — Gas heater not connected to a flue is not covered by insurance. (Mrs. Allan brought this fact to our attention.)

The Prudential Committee met on Feb. 24, 1949 at the home of Miss Laura H. Smith. Present were:

Mr. G. Stewart Smith, Mrs. Kaye
Mr. C.F. Allen Hardy Henderson, Jr.
Mr. Boselman Mr. Lee
Miss Laura Smith, Mrs. Warburton (part time)
Mr. Marks, (Mr. Smith presided, in the absence of the Moderator.)

Secretary's Report — The Secretary's report was read and approved, with the addition that Mrs. Allan had told us at the January 22 meeting that a gas heater not connected to a flue is not covered by our insurance.

Treasurer's Report — The Treasurer reported a balance of $451.53. This includes $252.35 from the Alliance - its pledge of $250, plus $2.35 for stationery and stamps for the birthday party.

Collector's Report — The Collector reported that he had turned over $112.65 to the Treasurer.

The Finance Committee has done preliminary work, but has no final report to make as yet.

Mr. Lee — Mr. Lee reported that there will be no more loans of projectors from A V A without cost. A charge of $2 to $5 will be made. - As to the projector in the parsonage, left by a former pastor, it is a silent projector, worth about $90 if in repair. A new machine, with sound projection, costs $250 - $270. More information is needed, it was generally thought, on the cost and availability of films before we buy to buy a sound projector. It was decided to ask Mr. Warburton or Mr. Swallow to look over the silent projector to see what repairs would be necessary to put it in good condition.

Mr. Lee (cont.) Voted - that the meeting of the Forum be held in the Church on Feb. 27, not in the vestry as previously mentioned.

Star Island. The question of the church contributing to the Star Island expenses of the young people (See minutes of Jan. 13 meeting) was again brought up by Mr. Lee. Mrs. Nerburton moved that the Finance Committee be asked to investigate Mr. Lee's proposal for giving $5 apiece to young people going to Star Island last summer, $10 to those going for the first time. This motion was lost, by a vote of 4 to 3.

United Unit. Appeal. On the United Unitarian Appeal, no action was taken.

Relig. Educat. On motion of Mr. Stone, it was voted - that the Moderator appoint a Committee of 3 to 5 on Religious Education, said Committee to be increased by one member for each increase of 20 in the combined Sunday School and Youth Group.

In regard to the canvass, Mr. Stone said it was very comfortable, that cards for the Pledges were desirable, but not necessary.

AUY. Hardy Henderson, Jr. reported that the AUY were considering asking Rev. Hermann to be their adviser in place of Mr. C. Stewart Smith, now taken over by the Sunday School.

The AUY is planning a rummage drive soon. The Johnsons' barn will be available, with storage facilities in the Johnsons' rent house.

Mr. Boardman offered to drive some AUY members to the Federation meeting in West Roxbury this

Sunday.

Clerk – Minor items

The Clerk reported that she had sent the memorial Sunday invitation to Commander Jones of the American Legion Post. The Clerk has now written that Lt-Cmdr to remove the garden equipment from our kitchen, but that Mrs. Conford, in charge of this committee, has not been able to tend to the matter because of her husband's long illness. The Women's Club does not wish the equipment removed, but gives us quite a couple to do as we wish with it. The final membership of the nominating committee – some original appointees not having wished to serve – is as follows: Mr. Richard Huebener (to call first meeting).

Repairs

In regard to repairs, the following progress was reported: the Mimeograph machine has been overhauled, the choir room ceiling in basement taken down (by Mr. Warb and Mr. Henderson). In regard to the roof-leak, Mr. Works reported that Mr. Flynn, the contractor who repaired the roof last year, says that #135 work is necessary on the roof outside the guarantee of last year's contract. Another #15 would paint the exposed sides of the tower. However, on re-examination of the contract, (which Mr. Works borrowed from the Clerk's files), Mr Works thought the #135 repairs were written the contract.

Roof

It was, therefore, voted, that Mr. Works be authorized to expend #20 for painting the side walls of that tower when Mr. Flynn repairs the roof in accordance with the terms of his contract.

Feb. 24, 1949. (4)

Agenda — Mr. Weeks offered to take care of postage, envelopes, and stencils for the agenda sent to Residential Committee members.

Safe Deposit Box — In regard to a Safe Deposit Box, Mr. Weeks said that the Memorial Fund plans to have a box, probably at the Norfolk County Trust Co. in Norwood (small size) "3.20 a year, and that same space in this box will be available for Parish purposes."

Talent Search — Mr. Weeks reported that a "systematic Talent search" would be conducted along with the annual campaign for pledges, in the effort to locate persons willing to give time for such church needs as Church School teachers, C.D.Y. leaders, repairing, clerical work, choir members, etc.

Insurance — The Clerk reported that in $5,000 "binders" had been placed on the Church for 60 days from Feb. 2 - that is, we have $5000 extra insurance on the Church from Feb. 2 to April 2, at a cost of $9.28. This includes extended coverage no. 4, and is with the Worcester Mutual Company. - The Clerk was instructed to find the cost of making this additional $5000 insurance permanent.

The $1600 additional insurance authorized on the parsonage at the Dec. 6 meeting has been placed, and the Treasurer now holds these policies. All the policies on the Church have now been located and are in the hands of the Treasurer, including the endorsements for extended coverage no. 4 (winds + hurricane, etc.).-

Parish Fund Administration — Mr. Weeks mentioned the advisability of attempting to centralize the administration of Parish funds. - The meeting adjourned at 11.10.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa A. Smith, Clerk.-

Abbondy: Feb. 24, 1949

The Committee approved the approval of the seating of the Vestry for annual dancing parties conducted by Mr. + Mrs. Elliot for a debated year.

The Warrant for the Annual Meeting was approved, as follows:

WARRANT COPY.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Parish(Unitarian) of Medfield, Mass. will be held in the vestry on Wednesday, March9, 1949, at 8:P.M., to take action upon the following articles:

Article I.-To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.-To hear and act upon the reports of the Parish officers and chairmen of Committees.

Article III.-To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund.

Article IV.-To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee.

Article V.-To elect the necessary Parish officers for the coming year.

Article VI.-To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting .

By order of the Prudential Committee.

Laura Parker

Clerk of the Parish

February 27, 1949

April 14, 1949

The Prudential Committee met on April 14, 1949, at the home of Mr. Charles F. Allen. The following were present:

Mr. Boardman, Treasurer — Mrs. Arthur Smith, Allison
Mr. Charles F. Allen, Collector — Mrs. Edwin F. Hayden
Mr. Hardy Henderson, Moderator — Mr. Lee
Mr. Robert F. Vines, Parish Committee — Miss Muriel Smith, Clerk

Clerk — The Clerk's report was read and accepted.
~~The Collector reported that he had turned over $5.15 to the Treasurer. The~~

Treasurer — The Treasurer reported a balance of $454.40.-
This included $300.15 turned over to him by the Collector, and $5.55 from the Xmas Express.

Collector — The Collector reported that in March he had turned over $71.85 to the Treasurer, and on the first Sunday in April $228.30. This latter figure included actual cash received in the annual drive.-

Parish Committee — The Parish Committee said that it had held no meetings recently but would have a meeting soon and report.

S.S. — For the Sunday School Mrs Arthur Smith reported that Mr Stewart Smith was a great help in the Sunday School, especially in the singing, and that the children are now eager to sing in church. There are twenty-seven in the Sunday School at present. - The school is trying to send the teachers (mothers with their children) to the Vale of Shoals this summer.)

The Alliance and Parents Club are hoping to raise money to help this project. Twenty-eight dollars was earned in food, plus a little more on jewelry, at the sale last Saturday. –

Alliance The Alliance has not yet elected its officers, so that its Presidential Committee delegates for nominees are not appointed. – The food & jewelry sale was mentioned as its most recent project – On May 5 it will serve as a delegate to a conference of Episcopalians at thirty-five cents each, the Episcopal rectory being too small to accommodate the Conference guests. – The summer calendar is not yet set. The Alliance has voted to send its President to the Isle of Shoals for a week. –

CDY. CDY had no representative present, but reported through J. Hardy Henderson, senior, that it had no report to give except as was given in the Easter notices in the Parish Letter. The money drive is to be held after the seniors return from Washington.

Mr. Lee Mr. Lee – mentioned the possibility of a church picnic in June, an evening Tuesday or the one following it. He reported that the Junior choir will sing after Easter rehearsal times for us. Then next fall it may be able to sing once a month at first, later twice a month, and eventually every Sunday. It is hoped, Mr. Lee suggested our looking over certain aspects of the financial situation this summer.

The possibility of securing the reading desk in the pulpit was discussed. –

Insurance — After a discussion on increasing the Church insurance, it seemed too expensive to make the contemplated $500 increase this year. In view of the fact that we already have insurance collections of almost $100 for the current fiscal year. — ($54.47 will be due on the church (old insurance) next Dec.; $6.93 on parsonage in Dec.; $15.84 on parsonage in January, and $22.50 on liability insurance. These four items total $94.72). Therefore, it was

Voted — to increase the Church insurance by $400. For five years, the policies to be so staggered as to have one-fifth of this amount come due every year.

Repairs — In regard to the roof leak, Mr. Works reported that Mr. Flynn, the contractor who renovated the roof last year, claims the roof does not leak, despite the leak in the church.* ~~Mr. Flynn will investigate further, and~~ The Church committee will report upon it at the next meeting. Mr. Works and Mr. Henderson will think Mr. Flynn's contract covers the present leak. However, the contract says — "make roof of tower water-tight," & the leak may be through the sides of the tower!

The repairing of the front steps and railings will be put off until summer.

Mr. Francis has full instructions regarding the notice to card. Mr. Henderson will see what response has been made on this.

In regard to the hot water heater, Mr. Works and Mr. Hanchman were asked to investigate and report on all possibilities of un-

*See p. 70 for correction

during the elimination of insufficient supply, which is unpleasant and even unsanitary when church suppers are served.

Mimeograph — On regard to the mimeograph, it was

Voted - that Mrs. Henderson be authorized to get an estimate on professional overhauling of the mimeograph, and report at the next meeting.

Finance Committee - The Finance Committee reported that the pledge campaign had resulted in -

- Pledges totaling $1052.40 (about $200 more than last year.)
- 44 envelopes yet have been sent out -
- The "Talent Search" yielded no great results.

It was suggested that the Rector insert every quarter a notice in the Parish Letter reminding all those who have pledged (and not paid!) of their Church obligations.

Mr. Allen will check up the mailing list with Mrs. Nagen.

Miscellaneous — It was suggested by Mrs. Nagen that the so-called perpetual prayer cards cannot be used. The Parish Committee were asked to consider advertising in the Christian Register, for possible purchasers.

It was VOTED that the Parent's Club be asked to send a representative to Presidential Committee.

Voted - that a special meeting of the Presidential Committee be held at the rectory on Thursday,

April 14, 1949 (5)

May 12, 1949 (1)

April 21, to appoint committees for the following year, as it was too late to appoint them at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith,
Clerk of the Parish

N.B. — The Clerk called off the special meeting of the Presidential Committee planned for April 21, as only four members could attend.

May 12, 1949

The Presidential Committee met at the Vicarage with the following members present:

Mr. Henderson, Moderator
Mr. Works } Parish Committee
Mr. Hewins }
Mrs. Lupus — for the Alliance
Mr. Beckman — Treasurer
Mrs. Arthur F. Smith — Sun. Sch.
Laura Hamilton, Clerk

The Clerk's report was read and accepted with the correction that Mr. Works added the words "Mr. Flynn will investigate further" in regard to the roof leak, omitted. [See page 70]

Financial

The Treasurer reported a balance of $160.95. There was no Auditor's report, as the Auditor was absent.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the Parish Church Insurance Assessments

for April 1947 to April 1948, and for April 1948 to Apr. 1949.

G.U.Y. There was no G.U.Y. report, as the representative was absent.

Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee reported that Mr. Charles Swann would like to become a member of the Parish, and it was so voted.

Mr. Lee reported that the Finance Committee would report to the Parish the results of the recent drive on a percentage basis. Mr. Norris, reported, waiting, as D. Hamant which had come persons left to interview.

Mr. Lee said that a Tremenheim repair fund had recently been raised by the Town to investigate the possibility of moving the clock off the drain. The question then arose as to who owned the clock.

Mr. Lee would like to be notified when workmen are in the parish, and would like this notice inserted in the Parish Letter occasionally.

Picnic. At Mr. Lee's request the following committee was asked to plan the date and place for a church picnic, in consultation with Mr. Lee, and report at the next meeting of the Trustees Committee:

Daniels Hamant — Mrs. Buckley
Mrs. Celina E. Smith
Mrs. Thomas Bagley
Mrs. Drew Wright

Alliance Mrs. Huebener and Mrs Hagen are to be the Alliance representatives to the Prudential Committee. The Alliance has voted to buy shades for the parsonage, and offers to pay off $400 on the Church mortgage as soon as it can be given the proper papers. Mrs. Northrop said the Ministerial Fund Trustees will meet early in June to reorganize the Church finances, and will be glad to consider the Alliance offer.

The Parish Committee is to buy and install the shades for the parsonage — the bill to go to the First Parish Alliance.

Parents' Club The Prudential Committee delegate from the Parents' Club will be Mrs. Dwight Evans.

Sunday School New members bring the total Sunday School membership to 30. The Junior choir has sung once in Church, and will do so again in the near future.

Committees In regard to committees, the following chairmen were appointed, with the recommendation that there be at least five members on each committee

Ushers — Harry Young
Supt of S.S. — Mrs Ray Marbleton
Flowers — Mrs. Charles T. Allen
Hospitality — Mrs Howard Kane
Religious Education — Mrs. Arthur F. Smith
Music — G. Stewart Smith

THE SINGLE TAX

The philosophy of Henry George, commonly called the single tax, is simply an interpretation of the important natural law that was discovered by him. An understanding of this philosophy brings a vision of the world as it might be, a new appreciation of the wisdom of the Creator, for His evident plan of a better world, a new faith in God, together with an incentive to hasten the day of its acceptance. Just as in former times moral codes were provided for the right conduct of individuals it remained for Henry George to provide a much needed moral code for the right conduct of communities and governments.

The first requisite of the single tax plan is taxation of the full value of ground rent as the legitimate revenue for payment of the essential expenses of government. A very large proportion of this ground rent is now surrendered unfortunately, to corporations, companies, and individual land owners.

The single tax is determined by the rental value of the land occupied and is paid as a tax directly by land owners and indirectly by tenants. This would then be followed by the gradual repeal of taxes of all kinds now levied upon individuals.

The single tax plan provides ample funds for the ordinary expenses of government economically administered and satisfies the demands of justice in the property rights of both individuals and communities.

HENRY WARE ALLEN
~~Wichita, Kansas~~
1758 Alva Ave
Chickasha, Okla.

Christmas 1953

Finance – Harry Henderson, Chairman.
This Committee is to include the Treasurers of all Church organizations and such other members as the Chairman shall decide.

A proposal to create a House and Grounds Committee was debated. It was

Voted – That the Parish Committee be authorized to make whatever repairs or improvements it considers necessary at present to the interior or exterior of the Church and Parsonage.

The need of securing through the proper channels of the Diocese was stressed, as the desirability of clarifying the functions and powers of different officials and committees seemed apparent.

The problem of the wrecking crew and the need of funds for the kitchen urgently needed at Church & parsonage were mentioned. [See correction on p. 76.]

Respectfully submitted,
Helen H. Smith,
Clerk.

June 23, 1949

The Prudential Committee met on June 23 at eight o'clock in the vestry, with the following present:

Mr. Daniels Hamant } Parish Committee
Mr. Herbert Nuzum
Mr. Gifford Henderson - Treasurer
Mrs. Calvin Nuzum } Alliance
Mrs. Richard Heibener

Mrs. Dwight Crump - Parents' Aid
Mrs. Fay Warburton - S.S.
Mr. Lee
Miss Laura H. Smith, Clerk.

Mr. Daniels Hamant presided in the absence of the Moderator, Mr. Henderson.

The Clerk's report of the May 12 meeting was read and accepted, with the correction that the mention of a possible need of screens for the church kitchen referred to a screen door.

(See p. 75.)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of $387.40. This included $95.10 turned over to him by the Collector, and $208 from the Upham Fund.

Collector

The Collector was absent, but Mr. Hamant reported that an additional $50 had been pledged for the current year.

Sunday School

Mrs. Warburton reported that two members of the Church school staff (Mrs Howard Hare and Mrs. Warburton) were going to Star Island for Religious Education week.

Mr. Lee

Mr. Lee reported that the young people were in difficulty about their Star Island expenses, because of a misunderstanding and a last minute change of plans. It was, therefore,

Voted - that we accept Mr. Lee's proposal and give twenty-four dollars ($24) to a UY for its 1949 Star Board expenses, this money to come from the a UY incentive fund of $50 voted in the budget at the annual Parish meeting in March.

Mr. Lee reported that windows in the parsonage had been repaired and a flower box for the parsonage made by Mr. Norka.

Mr. Lee said that it would be desirable if church organizations elected their officers in March, as this would ensure mail from the a UA going to the proper persons for the ensuing year.

Alliance

Mrs. Nuesemeyer reported that the rummage sale had netted $120, and that any members of the Alliance will contribute ice cream for the children at the picnic on the coming Sunday.

Mrs. Keeper reported the fact that the Alliance had given $15 to the Parents' Club, and $15 to the UY for their respective Star Board funds.

It was also mentioned that tables of left-over rummage had been sent for use of the Unitarian Service Committee in their work abroad.

Parents' Club

Mrs. Adams reported that the Parents' Club had held its first organization meeting and drawn up the following list of purposes:

1.) to help the Sunday School
2.) social
3.) to understand the new methods in religious education

June 23, 1949.
(3.)

The Parents' Club is planning to continue painting the nursery room, and kindly offers its help in the project of painting the vestry. (Mr. Works said that he would be glad to accept this help.)

The Parents' Club is contributing to the expenses of the Sunday School delegates at Star Lake. It will give the specific amount of its contribution at the next meeting.

Financial - In regard to financial matters, Mr. Hamann again mentioned the additional $30 recently secured in pledges. Mr. Works mentioned that some people had told him that they would contribute more in the fall if we were short at that time. Mr. Works suggested that a supplementary drive might be desirable in the fall.

Voted - that we accept Mrs. Warbrick's offer to make graphs on this year's collections (similar to those she prepared before the March meeting), as soon as the Collector has given her the necessary data.

Ministerial Fund - Mr. Works said that the Ministerial Fund Trustees are not yet ready to accept the Alliance offer to pay off the $400 mortgage, as they have not yet found the note, although it is mentioned in the records. It was thought that there may be a record in the Registry at Dedham of the mortgage. Mr. Works believes that it was incorrectly recorded as a first mortgage, there already being a first mortgage at the time the $400 was loaned.

The Ministerial Fund Trustees have met twice since June 1, and are revising their by-laws, which will be in shape by fall. The Trustees plan regular quarterly meetings beginning September 15.

Insurance policies

The Clerk has not yet had the parish name corrected on the new insurance policies. She will turn them over to the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund (i.e., the mortgagee) as soon as they are in correct form.

Repairs, etc.

It was reported that the town clock is wound by Mr. Maier, who is paid by the town for so doing.

Mr. Works said that the reading desk on the pulpit will be raised in vacation.

It was decided that a screen door was not necessary for the church kitchen. The parsonage shades have been installed. The tower leak has not yet been located, but Mr. Works said that Mr. Stewart Smith should be asked to give a report at the next meeting on his conversation with Mr. Flynn, the contractor, regarding the leak, and the [illegible] and the [illegible] the leak [illegible]. The Clerk reminded Mr. Works that he had not yet returned the roofing contract to her files. Mr. Works thought he had returned it, as he could not find it. The Clerk reminded him that she had asked him for it at the April meeting, and that he had said he was keeping it to be photostated. Mr. Works did not remember this conversation, and doubted its occurrence, as it was not in the minutes.

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(5)

The painting and roofing of the church will be repaired in vacation, Mr. Hare said. He said the hot water in the church kitchen will come if the hot water faucet is first turned on, then the cold water faucet turned on and off quickly two or three times.

Committees — In regard to Committees the Clerk reported as follows:

Ushers — Harry Young will be chairman of ushers. He has given no report on members.

Religious Education. - Mrs. Arthur F. Smith, chairman, Mrs. Fay Warburton, Mrs. Howard Hare, Mrs. Hendrick Lee, Mrs. Herbert Parks, Mrs. Thomas Tapley and Mrs. G. Stewart Smith.

Each of these members, Mrs. Smith reports, will examine some part of the curriculum this summer, and report at a meeting early in September, if possible.)

Music - G. Stewart Smith will be chairman. He has reported no Committees yet.

Flowers - Mrs. Charles F. Allen is willing to serve, but not as chairman.

Hospitality - Mrs. Howard Hare will serve, but not as chairman.

It was suggested that the Clerk try to obtain Mrs. Benjamin for chairman of the Hospitality Committee and Mrs. Wright for chairman of the Flower Committee. Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Aldrich, and Mrs. Howard were also suggested as possibilities for this Committee

Picnic — Mr. Hamant announced that the Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 26, at Hamant's lot on South Street. We will meet at the Vestry at 10. A.M. (Rocky Woods is impossible because of the cutting of the woodlands by the State because of the drought.)

Star Island — It was Voted, on motion of Mr. Works, that we give $10 to the Sunday School representatives for Star Island, this sum to come from the Sunday School incentive fund established in the budget at the annual parish meeting in March.

North St. widening (proposed.) — Mr. Works had the notice from the County in regard to the proposed widening of North Street, which would take feet from the North Street frontage of the Church property. The sum of $203.00 is offered as damages, plus the amount of for the land belonging to the Church but used by the town for parking purposes, but to which the Church has not taken the requisite steps to maintain its claim, according to the papers.

Voted - on motion of Mr. Works, that

1. The First Congregational Parish, Unitarian be registered herein as opposed to the taking of Church lands by the County for highway purposes.
2. That the First Congregational Parish, Unitarians, join in any concerted effort by the residents

of north street in opening the taking.

Voted - on motion of Mrs. Smith, that Mr. Harley Henderson be appointed to keep abreast of developments in regard to the above land-taking.

By-laws Voted - on motion of Mr. Works, that the Committee on by-laws be asked to submit a new set of by-laws to the next meeting of the Prudential Committee.

Repairs Mr. Works said that the Parish Committee wants help on repairing the Church steps and renovating the vestry, and would like the help of the women, in particular in rounding up recruits for these purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05.

Respectfully submitted.
Laura H. Smith
Clerk.

The finance committee met in the Vestry Sept 21, 1899 with the following present.

Mr. Daniel Hanaupt } Trust'ees.
Mr. Herbert Weeks
Mrs. Edwin Hugo } alternate
Mrs. Richard Heubener,
Mrs. Julia Warburton Sunday school
Mr. Charles Allen Treasurer
Mr. Lee Minister
Mr. Henderson Moderator

Due to the absence of the Clerk, Mrs Scott, the minutes of the June 23rd meeting were read by Mr. Weeks.

Motion made & seconded that minutes be accepted but add the name of Mrs Sturges, Mrs Hugo present and that the final amounts be filled in on last blank.

Carried.

On re-reading June 23rd minutes Mrs. Rogers' name had been included - Sept 21, 1899.

Mr. Henderson was asked to get a written report from Mr. Stewart Smith on conversation about

[illegible] with Mr. Flynn
The question of another drive in
the [illegible] was left under the
next meeting.
Roofing contract has been
[illegible] to [illegible] Bros. Smith
The question of the harvest
[illegible] was discussed at length.
Mr. Sewell [illegible] and Mrs. Mc
Hubertson were nominated co-[illegible]
as voted.
The meeting adjourned about
[illegible]

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Henderson,
Acting Clerk.

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Mr. Lee, Daniel Hamant, Herbert Works, Clifford Rossman, Mrs. Richard Neubeiser, Mrs. Irving Warburton, Hardy Henderson.

There not being a quorum the usual business was not transacted.

The largest tin was received at Hardy Henderson

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Special Meeting.-

Daniel Hamant called meeting to order at 8.25

Present:

Daniel Hamant, H. F. Works - Finance Committee
Mrs. Irving Warburton - Sunday School
Mrs. Calvin Neugen, Mrs. Richard - Alliance
Mrs. Dougall Adams - Parent Club
Hardy Henderson, Jr.
Myrtle Freeman } a U.Y.
Barbara Sigmond

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was not read

Sunday School report read and accepted

Collector reported that he had approximately $50 to turn over to the Treasurer.

Report accepted.

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Alliance -

Reported that it held its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13. at Mrs. # 150 to turn over to the Treasurer, Mrs. Hepburn, the money received. It will hold a rummage sale Oct. 20 in the vestry. Mrs. Reubener agreed to prepare for supper at Harvest Fair. - Reported accepted.

Mr. Lee. -

Mentioned need of typewriter for use in preparing church letter. Mrs. Mustard is willing to prepare the letter if typewriter is available. - Spoke of need for hymnals. Requested no contribution for pastor's gift at Xmas. Suggested removal of three or four pews from front of church to be placed in transept. Thursday recommended. - Mentioned borrowing of inertine fluid for vacuum use.

Action Taken - motion made & seconded to advertise in next church letter for use of a typewriter that a parishioner or someone else might know would be given for the active church use to be used in preparing church letter. - Also, the committee would investigate purchase of suitable used machine for vacuum not to exceed $ 15.00. -

Mr. Hamatt will investigate purchase of hymnals and report at next meeting.

Mr. Lee's suggestion to move the pews was discussed and tabled.

Mr. E. H. Henderson, Jr., Mrs. M. Freeman, and Mrs. [illegible] attended the meeting of W.T.M.U. -

Next Mtg. - Mrs. Cairnie came in spirit of meeting to be held Thurs. Sept. 22 at home of Mr. & Mrs.

H. F. Warke, Jesse Ford, Miller. -

Plans are in process for a social and talk to be held Oct. 13 - the speaker to be Miss Florence Ward - Report accepted.

Parish Committee - Mr. Warke reported on water heater working, and demonstrated to Mrs. Hutchinson

He reported no meetings held as a result of not hearing again - He requested action in matter of hymn-taking. - Motion made, & supported that Treasurer request payment for hymn-taking from Hymn ~~Treas~~ Treasurer.

No report from E. Smith, who was expected later. -

Harvest Fair Committee report

Mrs. Hutchinson read menu for supper Mr. Hamant passed around a report on plan of the 4-oath arrangement. - Booths are to be erected not later than Fri. Sept. 30. Mr. Hale requested that Women bring light aprons for waiters to use in serving the teams. - Mr. Warke will furnish potatoes, and hooks for the fish pond - In discussing it was decided to sell tickets for all activities of fair to simplify making and keeping of change at the booths.

Crossarm will be purchased, repaired, and painted for use at the fair. Report of Fair Committee accepted

Stewart Smith arrived, and when questioned regarding steeple roof stated that in his

opinion Mr. Flynn considered his work was satisfactory.

The leaks visible at the time were in the East side wall of the tower, not in either roof.

Mr. Flynn was requested to make an estimate for repairs and submit same. Done no business.

The meeting closed at 10.35 P.M.

W. F. Worker
Acting Clerk.

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The Membership Committee met in the evening with the following present:

Jos. Henderson, Treasurer
Y. Emmert Smith, Lewis Hamant (8.30 pm) Membership Committee
C. F. Allen - Collector
Mrs. Mary Smith - Sunday School
Mrs. Lorena Huebener - Alliance
Emma H. Smith - Clerk

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Collector — The Collector reported on hand $345.02, and $83.30 turned over to the Treasurer in September.

Alliance — Mrs. Huebener said that $11.14 had been turned over from the Harvest Supper, with $1 to come. 118 adults had been served. - The Rummage sale had yielded $66.84. -

Mrs. Huebener said that the Alliance would like to have an electric plate found in the

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storeroom repaired, so it would be a useful replacement to the gas stove for campers. Mr. Henderson offered to take it to Mr. Tibbetts to get air.

Mrs. Hubener also said that material has been found to mend the carpet in the church and suggested a sewing bee for this purpose. - She has also found a heavy roll of roofing paper. - She called our attention to the torn cover on the old church Bible (printed 1795). Mr. Lee will see if Mrs. Tomlinson can perhaps bind to have it for a keepsake. -

Sunday School - Mrs. Arthur F. Smith reported the Sunday School is growing every Sunday. She said that if there seems to be a lapse of calling in the spring, the officers of Children's Sunday School visitation could be found to be allowing their parents to attend church. Crowding the ventilators would not be sufficient, she thought.

Mr. Henderson will, with the cost of a coloring book, [illegible]

Parish Committee Music - Stewart Smith [illegible] a uniform choir robe. Smith has notes of [illegible] and feels the cost of it is unnecessary [illegible]. The cost [illegible] to [illegible].

Mr. Smith [illegible] a show [illegible] on the organ this winter. He himself will help Mr. [illegible].

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Mr. Smith says that ten to twenty more hymnals are needed. Tamiko Hamaoka will see Mrs. Morimoto.

Tower Roof — In regard to the Tower Roof, Tamiko Hamaoka will get estimates from roof builders.

A.U.Y. — For the A.U.Y. Tamiko Hamaoka reported much good continuation. - The officers are Wade Henderson, President, + Harry Henderson, V.P. - Mrs. Hamaoka has told the A.U.Y. the church could not subsidize their Sea Island trip this year.

Mr. Lee — Mr. Lee reported that Mr. Henderson + Mr. Takeichi are assuring the choirs, and that the pulpit is moved already. The Parents Club are investigating the matter of robes for the Junior Choir.

Land-taking — In regard to the land-taking, it was mentioned that the Town has not yet compensated the money. So we can indeed request no more as yet! The amount awarded to us, is not in the minutes of the June 23 meeting.

Typewriter & mimeograph — In the present emergency situation regarding the inefficient, or impossible operation of both typewriter and mimeograph, Tamiko Hamaoka will bring Mr. Miyo Fujioka a key-o-graph master sheet, and have the letter run off on the fluid duplicator at his office.

Voted — that a committee investigate the unsatisfactory typewriter mimeograph situation, and

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report at the next meeting. The following were appointed:

Mrs. Mae Geeser, Chairman
Mrs. Neville Nicholson
Fonda Hannant

Theatre Ceiling

The Parish Committee will permit Richard Johnson concerning the expenditure of money for the theatre ceiling.

The matter of paint for the rectory walls is tabled for the present, until the Chairman takes care of.

The valve in the steam pipe near the stage should be tightened.

The hot water heater is not yet satisfactory. It makes steam in more area is not needed.

Mrs. Huebener asked if the urinal is safe.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura A. Smith
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November [illegible] 1949

The [illegible] Committee met in the vestry with the following present:

[illegible] Moderator

[illegible] Committee

[illegible] Collector

Mr. Thomas [illegible] Clerk

Mrs. [illegible] School

Mr. [illegible] Treasurer

Rev. Howard [illegible], Minister

Mr. [illegible] at 8.15 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 8.0 pm.

Mrs. John B. MacGregor, Chairman of the Committee to investigate the Typewriter mimeograph situation was present to give a report.

[illegible] It was found that a [illegible] duplicator second hand could be purchased at about $[illegible] no guarantee attached. The used [illegible] machine which the [illegible] could be [illegible] in working order and guaranteed for 90 days at a cost of $[illegible]. The Committee [illegible] the typewriter situation. [illegible] as the [illegible] Committee had voted $[illegible] and although Mrs. [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] machine [illegible] [illegible] Mrs MacGregor would [illegible] that the machine was taken [illegible].

In the absence of the Clerk, Mrs. MacGregor asked [illegible] to be Temporary Clerk.

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Letter was read from [illegible] in which
she [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] was appointed as [illegible] of
the [illegible]
[illegible].

Minutes of the meeting on October [illegible] were
read and accepted.

Mrs. [illegible] Smith reported that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

In the absence of the treasurer [illegible]
Mr. [illegible] reported that [illegible] had been
collected and turned over to the treasurer in the month
of October. Report accepted.

Mrs. [illegible] of the Chairman [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] Smith gave a report on the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the subject of [illegible]. Report accepted.

Mrs. [illegible] reported that [illegible]
of the [illegible]
for the coming year has been discussed. It was voted
to spend some money for supplies [illegible].
There was a discussion about equipment for the [illegible].
It was decided [illegible]
for further equipment. Mrs. [illegible] will be [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] discussion about leaving out the [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Walker thought that the [illegible] should be left [illegible]

[illegible] were discussed

Mrs. [illegible] explained the expansion of Church School and that at our request to have her [illegible] [illegible] Church School. Mrs. Mackenzie stated that there are twelve students over [illegible] years of age now attending Church School.

Mr. Walker Treasurer reported [illegible]

It was noted that [illegible] should be [illegible] in the Meeting to discuss the [illegible]. Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Walker and Mr. Fisher to contribute to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] next Monday, October 13, 1949.

Mrs. Mackenzie asked who suggested the [illegible] in the Meeting. After some discussion Mr. Walker finally replied that the motion was suggested [illegible] [illegible]

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Mr. [illegible] said that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] report accepted.

Mr. Lee [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr. Lee went on to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Next [illegible] meeting [illegible]
Thursday in December.

Mr. [illegible] read [illegible] last meeting.
The Thursday [illegible] Nov 3rd [illegible] meeting
[illegible]

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[illegible] recommended for [illegible] in the [illegible] Court according
to the Constitution of the Junior Bazaar was brought
up. It was stated that the Finance Committee should
be appointed by the Bazaar.

[illegible] stated if there was a vacancy [illegible]
[illegible] Miss Bennett offered her services [illegible]
later.

It was finally decided that Miss Elinor Cole and
[illegible] be appointed
[illegible] Junior Bazaar Committee to be [illegible]
[illegible] Finance Committee [illegible]
Bazaar to be set at a meeting of Committee.

Miss Smith asked if the cracked glass on the Dressing
had been seen to. Miss Robertson [illegible] but it will be done
[illegible] to donate enough linseed oil to the committee head to finish
them.

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee [illegible]

Mary H. MacGregor
Temporary Clerk

Dec. 15, 1949

The Prudential Committee met in the vestry with the following present:

Daniels Hamant, Acting moderator
Charles Allen, Collector
Mr Kendrick Lee, Minister
Mr Clifford Bosselman, Treasurer
Mrs Thomas Tapley - Parents Club
Mrs Richard Huebner - Alliance
Mr Herbert Works, Parish Committee

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting on Nov. 10, 1949 were read and accepted.

Mr Lee

Mr Lee thanked Mr Works and Mr. Bosselman for repairing his oil burner in the parsonage. He reported enough material had been donated to make choir robes for eight to ten children. Mrs Charles Allen has a pattern and has all of the robes cut out. They may be finished for Christmas.

Parish Comm.

There was no report for the Parish Committee. Mr Works reported that the work on the nursery room is completed and no more work will be done at present. Thanks are to be given to the work committee of the Parents Group.

Alliance

Mrs Richard Huebner gave a report on the Alliance activities. The last meeting was on Tues. Dec. 13, 1949

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at the home of Miss Eleanor Cole. The church birthday party was planned for Feb. 28 with supper and entertainment. Each group will be asked to put on a short entertainment. Mrs Hubner reported Red Cross cloth had been purchased. Mrs Hubner said the electric stove ~~should be repaired~~ needs repairing. ~~Expense to be paid for~~. Money was voted to be given to the Sunday school to purchase the ice cream for the Christmas party. The Alliance asked permission to take on the project of looking into the matter of a new system of heating the hot water in the kitchen. It was agreed to investigate the matter. Mr Weber said gas should be eliminated and several new systems should be looked into. * It was voted. ~~The motion was made and seconded~~ that since the Alliance is interested in this project that they make a survey of several types of heating. Report accepted.

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Mrs Walter

Mrs Warburton's resignation as Supt. of the Sunday school was read and discussed. Mr Weber made the motion that Mrs Warburton be asked to consider it. Mr. Anderson.

Harvest Fair

Harvest Fair. Total 305.07 Expenses 205.11. Profit 236.46. * The figures of the fair are to be looked into because were found to be incorrect. Mr.

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Christmas Fair

Liability Insurance

See p. 101.

By Law Comm.

* See page 101.

Mimeograph

Workshop

Hussey-Mann Fair. Mrs Hardwick asked for card received on check from him for five dollars to pay Fair debt. Motion was made by Mrs Jones that the Treasurer pay the five dollars. Lib. Treasurer

The Christmas Fair reported a profit of $234 plus a check of eight dollars with more money expected.

The liability insurance was voted to be placed with an active member of the church but as Mr. Richard Lincoln cannot handle liability insurance, it was suggested that it be placed with Mrs Allen. Moved and 2nd. The previous policy. Mrs Allen will send to see the old policy. ~~The By-law committee must be notified of the action on the liability insurance.~~ ~~The motion was vote and seconded that Mr. Frank Hedrick be appointed chairman of the By-law committee.~~ It was voted

Mrs McCrae reports that the mimeograph is low and is expensive.

The workshop at Mrs Charles Allen's house was reported to be very successful. Mrs Allen wanted ten dollars for materials. Mrs Henderson is to give her the money before

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Fire

*See 101.

Library

White collars

turning in his report. It was recommended that he include that in his report.

The question of fire insurance was discussed. It was voted that the committee on insurance be instructed to find out what this fire insurance is and report.

The old lamps in the parsonage need to be repaired only temporary repairs have been made. It is to be recommended to Mr Lee that he have the lamps repaired.

White collars are to be purchased for the junior choir. It was the opinion that there is no available funds for this. Mr. Hummel and Mr. Marks will donate the money for these collars.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E Topley
Meeting Clerk

The Prudential Committee met in the parlor on Friday, January 13, 1950, with the following members present:

Mr. Henderson - Moderator
Charles F. Allen - Collector
Clifford Freedman - Treasurer
Daniels Hamant } Parish
Stewart Smith } Committee
Mrs. Hussener } Alliance
Mrs. Keyon
Mr. Lee
Laura E. Smith, Clerk
and Mrs. John Macgregor, Typewriter Committee

Corrections of Dec. 15 minutes.

The minutes of the December 15 meeting were read and were approved with corrections on the following points:

It was voted that the Alliance make a survey of various types of hot water heating for the valley.

It was voted that Mr. Frank Aldrich be appointed chairman of the By-laws Committee.

It was voted that Mr. Henderson is to find out which Friday is most convenient for Prudential Committee meeting.

The profits from the Harvest Fair as reported were incorrect. The correct figure is given later in this report.

The action sent by the committee being notified over liability insurance should be struck out of the records.

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with the above exceptions, the report was accepted.

Workshop materials

Voted. - to rescind the motion passed at the December meeting that ten dollars ($10) be turned over to Mrs. Charles Allen from Mr. Henderson for materials for workshop.

Voted: - that ten dollars for workshop materials be appropriated from the Church treasury. -

Oil burner

Voted. - that the payment of the parsonage is responsible for the annual servicing of the oil burner; that major repairs above the minimum service charge are the responsibility of the parish.

If the burner ceases working, the tenant of the parsonage should call the service man at once, regardless of the hour.

Voted. - that the work done on the burner to date be paid for by the Parish.

Typewriter. Mrs. John Macgregor reported as follows for the typewriter committee.

A rebuilt, royal typewriter can be purchased for $39.50 up.

A good result typewriter would cost $100

A new Royal which many think does the best job on elements would cost $51.50; or $121.13 at a church discount.

The following report is hereby submitted by the Harvest Fair Committee:

GROSS RETURN

Midway	$43.90	
Plastics	38.44	
Food & Candy	35.34	
Fruit & Vegetables	41.76	
Dinner	71.79	
Post Office	25.41	
Dance	26.50	
Refreshments	20.30	
Misc.	2.60	
	$366.04	$366.04

EXPENSES PAID BY COMMITTEE

Plastics	$30.00	
Police	8.00	
Equipment	10.50	
Prizes	9.98	
Post Office	5.85	
Abbotts	3.10	
Misc.	2.15	
	$69.58	69.58

Total turned in to Treas. $296.46

EXPENSES PAID BY TREASURER

A. Wills	$ 3.50	
Lords	3.04	
Apple Ridge Farm	3.90	
Clover Farm	2.25	
Bullards	5.00	
Milford News	2.70	
	$20.39	20.39
		$276.07
Advance to Home Ec.		60.00
		$216.07
Paid out to Miss Wood by Treas. (Parents Club Funds)		5.00
		$211.07

TOTAL PROFIT $211.07

Daniels Hamant
Julia Warburton
Co-Chairmen

Financing would add $5 - making a monthly charge of $12.50 for ten months, with a down payment of $31.05.

Financing through a bank would add a charge of $5.40, and make monthly payments of $8.50 for one year.

In any case, there is a tax of $6.55

Voted. - to rent a typewriter for three months for $5, and to further investigate the matter of purchase, as well as the expense of having the work done at the high school.

Harvest Fair

Mr. Farnam reported the following figures for the Harvest Fair:

Gross receipts	$366.04
Expenses	69.58
Turned over to Treasurer	296.46
Final profit	$211.07

The expended full account was turned in for the records.

Parish Committee

The Parish Committee had no report to make.

ALY

As there was no ALY representative present, Mr. Harley Henderson, senior reported for the ALY as follows:

The ALY members will take over the whole service on Jan. 29, Youth Sunday. They are doubtful, therefore, as to whether or not they can put on a play for the Church Birthday Party on January 28. It is planned to invite the Federation to meet here on February 19, a day

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number to be planned. After the night it will be known definitely whether or not the Federation will meet here on Feb. 19.

Voted - that the usual collection on January 29 be given to the A.U.Y.

The report of the A.U.Y. was accepted.

Forum. Miss Smith was authorized to go ahead with plans for one or two Forum meetings if the other churches are interested.

Mr. Lee. - Mr. Lee wished to thank Charles Allen for getting the tableau urns at the Parsonage. He suggested the four Chairman needed a little "leway" in regard to accounting for funds. Mr. Tennant suggested that in the future, each take around keep to own receipts for a few days and then render a separate account to the Chairman.

Mr. Lee asked how often their leaves should be serviced. He was told once a year.

He said the junior choir has paid $2.50 out of its own pockets for music.

Junior choir music

Voted - to give out of Church funds the $7.50 needed to make up the $10 needed for junior choir music.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported as follows:

$117.50 received from the Collector
26.50 " " " Bruce fund
$318.67 = present balance.

Liability

The Treasurer had received the liability insurance policy from Mrs Marguerite Allan. The premium is $30, & the policy runs for one year from January 15, 1950. The limits are $500 per casualty, and $10,000 total. There was discussion of increasing the coverage ($5.80 additional premium giving $15,000 per casualty & 30,000 total coverage), but the concensus of opinion was that this was unnecessary.

Gift from Mr. & Mrs. Hutchinson

The Treasurer reported a gift of ten shares of common stock of the Chrysler Corporation from Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Hutchinson of 372 Lakeland Avenue Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan. (Mrs. Hutchinson was Helen Monks.)

Voted - that the Clerk send Mr. & Mrs. Hutchinson a letter of thanks for their generous gift.

Voted - that the Prudential Committee go on record as favoring that these shares be added to the capital fund of the Parish and that only the income be reported.

Safe Deposit Box

Voted - that Janice Harmant open a safe deposit box in the name of the Medford Ministerial Fund.

Collector's Report

The Collector reported that he had turned over $17.50 to the Treasurer.

This report was accepted.

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S.S.-Parents' Club

There were no representatives of the Sunday School or Parents Club present to report.

Alliance

The Alliance, through Mrs. Heubener, reported a recent lecture by Mrs. Lee, and discussed its dance for the Church Leadership Training on January 28. On January 17 the Alliance is invited to hear Dr. Meriam Van Waters address to the Sherwood Alliance.

Hot water heater.

Mrs. Macgregor reported for the Alliance committee authorized to investigate new hot water heating plans, & the secretary, calling with the advantages and operating charges of different types of heaters, electric, oil, & gas.

Voted - That the Trustees committee authorize the Alliance to purchase an electric heater, the Church to pay for the installation if the Alliance pays for the heater.

Nominating committee

Orion Wright was appointed chairman of the nominating committee and authorized to choose his own committee.

New Parish Members

The following were voted in as members of the Parish:

Mrs. Mary H. MacGregor
Eleanor Fitz
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newell.

S.S. Superintendency

It was reported that Mrs. Marbourton will not reconsider her resignation

[illegible] Superintendent of the Sunday School
[illegible] that [illegible] action of
appointing a new Superintendent detailed
for the present. —

Respectfully submitted
Laura K. Smith
Clerk.

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The Prudential Committee met in the vestry at 8 P. M. with the following present:

Daniels Committee — Daniels Harmont, G. Stewart Smith, Herbert Marks

Charles F. Allen - Collector
Clifford Borselman - Treasurer
Mr. Lee Minister
Mr. Henderson - Moderator
Laura Hamilton - Clerk

Alternate - Mrs. Huebener
Parent's Club - Mrs. Dorothy Hane

Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Moir were present to represent the Committee for the revision of the Articles of Government.

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The rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the report of the Committee for the revision of the Articles of Government.

A warrant was drawn up for a Special Parish Meeting to be held on February 24.

Copy of Warrant.-

A special meeting of the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) will be held in the vestry on Friday, February 24, at 8 P.M., to take action on the following articles:

Article I - To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Article II - To discuss and vote on the proposed changes in the Articles of Government.

By order of the Prudential Committee

Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish.

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Feb. 26, 1950

A special meeting of the Prudential Committee was held after Church on Sunday, Feb. 26, 1950, to authorize the following warrant for the Annual Parish meeting:-

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COPY of WARRANT.-

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) of Medfield, Massachusetts will be held in the vestry on Wednesday March 8 at 8 P.M. to take action on the following articles:

Article I - To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Article II - To hear and act upon the reports of the Parish officers and chairmen of committees.

Article III - To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund.

Article IV - To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee

Article V - To elect the necessary Parish officers for the coming year.

Article VI - To discuss and take action upon the request of the A U A for an expression of opinion regarding a possible union of the Unitarian & Universalist Churches

Article VII - To see if the Parish wishes to take any action in regard to the share of

this Parish in the Tercentenary observance in 1951 of the founding of Medfield.
Article VIII - To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.-

By order of the Prudential Committee.
Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish

Feb. 26, 1950.-

April 14, 1950.
The Clerk's report was read and accepted.
Treasurer. The Treasurer reported a balance of $464.49
The Treasurer was requested to have Primrose officially sworn in by Miss Pear, notary.
Voted. - $15 for the United Unitarian Appeal in addition to the Alliance Contribution.

Collector The Collector - has turned over $106.65 to the Treasurer for March, and $387.15 for the first two Sundays in April. -

April 14, 1950.

The regular meeting of the Prudential Committee was called to order by the moderator:

Present: Daniel Harmont - Moderator
J. Hardy Henderson - Parish Committee
Mrs. Richard Huebner - Alliance
Wade Henderson - CUY
Laura Hamilton, Clerk

Mr. Lee
Charles F. Allen
Collector
Mr. Richard Huebner, Parish Committee

CUY Wade Henderson reported for the CUY that it will turn over to the Church what is left in its Treasury at the end of the year, (not so much as previously reported). - It is planning meetings with the youth groups of the Congregational and Episcopal churches, and joint affairs to raise money. The transportation obstacle to Federation meetings was

Mr Lee Mr. Lee reported that a man is working on the church (i.e. town) clock. Also, an Edison inspector wishes to check the hot water heater recently installed by the Alliance. Alliance will look to this. Mr. Lee mentioned Mr. Bosselman's work on the heater - for which work both the Alliance & the Parish are most grateful.

Mr Lee also reminded us that the Music Committee will be seeking a new organist soon, although Mrs. Tibbetts will probably stay until summer.

Committees were suggested as follows:

Hospitality. -
Mrs. Huebner
Mr. Henry Young
Jeanette Barrett
Priscilla Chase
Joseph Maus

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Finance Committee
Mrs. Orion Wright — to be asked to suggest a committee for us to ratify.
Visiting Committee
Mr. Lee
Mrs. G. Stewart Smith
Mrs. Hayes
Religious Education Committee
Mrs. Daniels Hamant (is a member of Quincy Unitarian Church)
Mrs. Fray Warburton (is a member of this church)
Mr. G. Stewart Smith
This Committee is to be asked to recommend a Superintendent.
Music Committee
Daniels Hamant
Dorothy Kane
Mrs. Richard Lenoth
G. Stewart Smith.

Alliance — For the Alliance, Mrs. Huebener reported the new hot water heater in successful operation, and thanked the AUY for its recently presented tea kettle.
Officers of the Alliance for the coming year are:
President — Mrs. Richard Huebener
Secretary — Mrs. Richard Lenoth
Treas. — Mrs. John MacGregor.
A rummage sale will be held on Tue. Apr. 21

S. S. Statistics from Mrs. Arthur F. Smith were given by J. Harley Henderson.

Financial. Our share of Norfolk-Suffolk Conference expenses will be $3.50 this year. (It is supposed to be 1.4% of. The proper sum was voted for this purpose, i.e.,

Financial Voted ~~that~~ the Finance Committee next year be instructed to add the Norfolk-Suffolk Conference and a U a contribution to the 1951 budget.-

The Treasurer still has the Chrysler stock certificate.

By-laws printing The matter of printing the by-laws was laid on the table, because of difficulties of deciding on method.

Mr. Works reported about $5.00 as an estimate for mimeographing at Mrs. Mae Geyer $18 for mimeographing. Printing would be $35 to 40, according to Mrs. Charles F. Olson.

Ministerial Fund It was reported that the Ministerial Fund has organized as follows:

Mr. Herbert F. Works – President
Orin Wright – Treasurer
J. Harley Henderson – Clerk

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The Parish is to be requested to make some annual payment on the large mortgage.
All ministerial fund papers were to be placed in large deposit box. –

Mr. Lee reminded us that Terrentenary Committee would be over, and suggested a ministerial committee list of all committees.
The meeting adjourned at 10.20
Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Smith
Clerk

May 12, 1950
The regular meeting of the Parish Committee was held on May 12 in the vestry at 8 P.M. – In the absence of the Moderator, J. Hendry Henderson presided. Others present were:
Mr. C. F. Allen – Collector
Mrs. Clifford Freedman – Treasurer
Wade Henderson – A.U.Y.
Mr. Richard Huebner – Parish Committee
Mrs. Richard Huebner – Alliance
Louise H. Smith – Clerk.
The Clerk's report was read and accepted.
There was no report from the Collector.
Treasurer – The Treasurer reported a balance of $161.59, and said that he had received $15 from the Ministerial Fund. He also reported that he had turned the certificate for the shares of Chrysler stock over to Orion

night as Treasurer of the Trustees. The Treasurer said that he had been properly sworn in by Miss Pease, a notary.

A.U.Y. Noah Henderson reported that the A.U.Y. will take a one-day trip to Star Island May 30 on the annual outing. He presented a check for $50 from the A.U.Y. for the church painting fund, and was asked to convey the Trustees' committee's note of thanks to the A.U.Y. [This check was given to J. Hardy Henderson to give to Mr. Wright as Treasurer of special funds.] - Noah also reported a recent social gathering with the young people of the Episcopal and Congregational churches.

Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee read a letter of resignation, due to pressure of work at Harvard. (This letter is in the Parish records.)

He offered a compromise arrangement for next year, that he preach without salary, but continue to live in the parsonage.

He requested that the Parish meeting should vote by ballot on the question accepting his resignation and compromise offer.

The following movement was then authorized for a Special Parish Meeting on Friday, May 26, 1950.

Art. I - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

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Art. II. - To take action on the resignation of Hendrick Lee as minister, and on his compromise proposal for next year.
Art. III - To decide whether to print or mimeograph the by-laws.

May meetings

The C.U.C. May meeting delegates credentials were given by the Clerk to Mrs. Huebner, who will call a meeting after Church on Sunday to distribute them.

Parish Committee

It was reported that the Parish Committee had organized with Mr. Nash as chairman, and Mr. Henderson as Secretary.

Alliance

For the Alliance Mrs. Huebner reported that the last meeting of the year had been held, that $250 had been pledged to the Church. A supper will be held on Saturday, June 3. The balance on the hot water heater will be paid this month. The Alliance is giving $15 to the C.U.Y. for Star Island. The Food & Vegetable Mart will be held again.

Financial

A letter from the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund was read, requesting an annual payment on the mortgage held by the Ministerial Fund.

Voted - That this matter be brought to the attention of the Finance Committee for next year.

It was reported that the annual

reports (due Mar. 1950) of the Special Funds and the Ministerial Funds are still in press.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith, Clerk

Sept. 8, 1950. —

The Prudential Committee met on Sept. 8, 1950 at eight o'clock in the vestry. The following were present:

Daniel Hamant, Moderator
J. Hardy Henderson, Parish Committee
Herbert F. Works, " "
Clifford Boardman, Treasurer
Richard Heebener, Parish Committee
Charles F. Allen, Collector
Mrs. Richard Heebener, Alliance
Mrs. Arthur F. Smith, Sunday School

The minutes of the meeting of May 26 were read and approved.

By-laws Voted. — that the By-Laws Committee have 200 copies or the most economical number over 200 printed.

Parish Committee For the Parish Committee Mr. Works reported as follows:

The foundations of the hot water heater have been made stable.

Repairs to piano have been made.

The vestry has been rented from now until middle of June — Wed from 1.30 to 8.30 to a dancing class

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A calendar has been placed on the bookcase by the piano in vestry. Organizations wishing to use vestry should notify the Parish Committee who will then enter the date on the calendar. In case of conflict, the date on the calendar has priority.

The Town will repair the sidewalk on North Street soon.

Choir room repairs will require manpower.

A see p. 121 *Richard Johnson will direct this work.

The floor of vestry will require more sanding. –

Trustees of Ministerial Fund

For the Trustees of Medfield Ministerial Fund, Mr Weeks reported as follows:

At a meeting on July 21, 1950, offers were considered for the purchase of two pieces of land.

1.) – Small triangular piece in front of Larkin's store and across his driveway. He has offered $25 plus the cost of a deed (another $25, approximately). The Trustees have accepted Mr. Larkin's offer.

2.) –

N The Moderator raised the question at this point as to whether the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund can sell real estate without a vote of the Parish. The Moderator

thinks such a vote necessary.]

Also, the Trustees are seeking to dispose of outlying property to the advantage of the Parish.

There is no report as yet from the Special Funds or Ministerial Funds because of the investigation of these funds. [No report was submitted to the Annual Meeting in March.]

The letter of April 20, 1950 from the County Commissioners in regard to the land-taking from was re-read. - See Parish records, p. 78]

Alliance — For the Alliance Mrs. Huebener reported as follows:

Two chairs from the Red Cross have been turned over to Mr. Marks.

The Food and Vegetable Mart will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2.30-4.30.

Sunday School — For the Sunday School Mrs. Arthur F. Smith reported as follows:

Informal meetings have been held this summer with excellent attendance and interest. - Mrs. Smith cannot attend Friday evening Regional Committee meetings in the future.

Letters from Mrs. Daniel Hammond and Mrs. Percy Warburton resigning from Religious Education Committee were read. -

Mrs. Arthur F. Smith promises to continue her Sunday School

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class using A & A material.-

Voted. - that Mrs. Dorothy Hane be asked to become superintendent of the Sunday School.

Collector - The Collector made no report, as the money had been coming in very slowly during the summer.-

Treasurer - The Treasurer reported a balance of $282.37. The land-taking check has been received.-

Miscell-aneous - Voted - that the chair appoint a committee to see the Edison Company to straighten out the water heater situation.

[The Moderator appointed the Parish Committee for this duty:]

New Parish Members

Voted - to accept as a Parish Member.-
Arnetha Willis (Mrs. George Willis)

The Harvest Fair Committee will welcome suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish

The Prudential Committee met on October 13, 1950, with the following present:

Mr. Clifford Beckman, Treasurer
Mr. Daniel Tarbox - Moderator
Mr. D. Harold Henderson (Parish Committee
Mr. Richard Anderson (
Mrs. Richard Anderson - Alternate
Mrs. Howard Hume - Sunday School
Mr. Lee - ~~Mr. D. Harold Henderson~~
Miss Louise H. Smith Clerk
Wade Henderson (first part of meeting) -

The Clerk's report was read and accepted with the correction that the choir room repairs had been supervised by Winthrop Johnson. (See p. 115.)

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported about $150 on hand as a balance. He did not have his books with him; hence could not give an exact report.

Sunday School

Mrs. Hume reported that the Sunday School was organized, with enough teachers and some extra teachers. They would like the choir room for a classroom, and would be glad to paint it. Mr. Henderson said the repairs in this room would soon be completed.

The Parish Committee were asked to vote that Mrs. Hume would like the books removed from the cupboard in the choir room, and a table placed on the cupboard in the room next to the kitchen; also the tables now against the wall in the corner

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moved, to pass access to the picture rail, and the action was on the motion moved.

Voted. - Thanks to Mrs. Hume for organizing the Sunday School.

Parish Committee

For the Parish Committee, Mr. Henderson reported as follows:

The ceiling for the choir room is about half done and will be finished soon.

(Minist. Fund.) The land which Mr. Laskin wishes to purchase has not yet been surveyed; hence the sale cannot as yet take place. The point being again raised about the Trustees' power to sell land without the vote of the Parish, the Moderator asked that at the next Prudential Committee meeting the Trustees bring in a copy of the Ministerial Fund By-Laws regarding sale of property.

The Clerk was told to request from the Trustees the statement on the financial condition of the Ministerial Fund that was not turned in at the Parish meeting on Mar 8, 1950.

(Hot water) In regard to the water heater situation, Mr. Weeks, who was supposed to see the Steam Co. and the contractor, was not here to report. The janitress reported no hot water recently. The moderator requested the members of the Parish Committee to investigate this situation before the next meeting. The meter for the heater is now in, however.

It was reported that the strainers are frequently gone from the sinks. - It was

suggested that the placing of pages copy in the church room might prevent some of the difficulties that now occur in the pulpit; also that it might be wise to keep the pulpit door locked on the outside, to keep unauthorized intruders from entering while the meeting is started; also that it might be wise to have a lock on the door leading from the room entry to the pulpit.

The report of the Parish Committee was accepted.

Alliance — For the Alliance, Mrs. Huebener reported as follows:

The hot water pipe cost recently.

Judge Schofield spoke here recently, to an audience of 52.

The Permanent Tale will take place Nov. 3 (The change of date was entered on the calendar.)

The two fruit and vegetable meets were very successful, netting $13 & $17 respectively.

The next Alliance meeting will be on Nov. 14.

The Alliance report was accepted.

Minister (Music) — Mr. Lee reported that Mrs. Meade and Mrs. Stewart Smith are helping with the Junior Choir, but that Charles Manning, our organist, is leaving town soon. — To have Mrs. Silverleaf as organist twice a month, 5 or 6 would be necessary.

Voted — $75 extra to the music committee from the general funds.

Mr. Lee suggested that for our Tercentenary

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we should invite our former ministers to preach during May. (Rev. Whitney, Mr. Ayer, Mr. Parker, Mr. Zeigler, Mrs. Pickett, Paul Mader, and Arillette.) On the seventeenth of June it might be possible to have either Samuel Eliot or Frederick Eliot.) Mr. Lee also mentioned that he is to be ordained in May. –

Mr. Lee was asked to have our Order of Service mimeographed, for insertion in the front of the hymnals.

The matter of a new minister was discussed, and it was pointed out that the machinery should be started soon.

Tercentenary Committee

A Tercentenary Committee was then chosen as follows:

Mrs. Trilla Allen, Chairman
Mrs. Edna Kuehnor
Orion Wright
Joseph Blair
Hope Day

Harvest Fair

In regard to the non-occurrence of the Harvest Fair, it was reported that Mrs. Warburton had been obliged to be away, and others had been unable to help.

Mr. Hamant suggested instead a Harvest Supper, with the white Church community social-fellowship on Nov. 11. Motion – Voted back Mrs. Mae Gray is to be Chairman, to choose her own committee. –

The meeting adjourned at 10:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Hamlett. – Clerk.

The Prudential Committee met in the Vestry at 8 P.M. with the following present:

Daniel Hermant - Moderator
Clifford Fuselman - Treasurer
Charles F. Allen - Collector
Herbert F. Works - } Parish
Mildred Huebener - } Committee
J. Hardy Henderson }
Nade Henderson - A U Y
Mr. Lee
Laura A. Smith - Clerk

The Clerk's report was read and accepted.

Collector — The Collector reported $160.66 turned over to the Treasurer, including $36 from vestry rental.

Treasurer — The Treasurer reported
$160.66 - received from Collector
$306.91 - balance

A U Y — The A U Y gave no report. (Nade Henderson left.)

Minister — Mr. Lee gave to the Moderator the name of the painter who did the Blowtown Church very inexpensively. He suggested the possibility of a supper in connection with the Christmas pageant.

He read a letter from Mrs. Henry thanking the Church for flowers. Mr. Arnold Davis of Walpole is our new organist.

For the United Unitarian Fund, Mr. Lee suggested the possibility of sending out envelopes. - He also suggested George Allen and Mrs. Nelson as honorary members of the Tercentenary ~~Fund, and~~ Committee, and others.

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other members at the direction of the Tercentenary Committee.

Alliance - Mrs. Huebener reported as follows for the Alliance:
The year's program is now ready. (The list of dates to be reserved was given to the Parish Committee.)
January 27 - will be the Church Birthday Party
March 20 - The Alliance will serve a supper for the Rebekahs — for about 100 persons. - Mrs. Huebener asked if the Church could be used for the guests to leave their coats in on this occasion. She also asked about the possibility of more racks in the ~~former~~ choir room.
#105.10 - profit from Rummage Sale, (Some material went to the State Hospital)

Voted - permission for guests coats to be left in the Church parlor on March 20, with proper safeguards.

Parish Committee - The Parish Committee reported as follows, thru' Mr. Nick:
The work in the choir room has been started, but had to stop for lack of material.
The space behind the sink has been filled in (below the floor) to prevent the pipes freezing, but work is still needed above the floor.
Cement (now scarce) has just been purchased for the space in the parsonage cellar north

wall under the kitchen, and for the south wall under the dining-room. This will also minimize against freeze-ups

(water heater) The trouble with the water heater was that the switch wore off. There is now a padlock on the handle of the switch, Mr. Muir having one key, & Mr. Henderson, the other.

Papers & rags in the church room were considered not necessary. A bolt will be put on the door leading from the vestry entry to the pulpit. The light in the kindergarten room is O.K. The 1951 calendars for Parish Committee's use in reserving dates have been purchased. The sink stoppers are stuck in the sink. The tables, Furniture and books have been moved as requested by Mrs. Hume in last letter. A hook has been placed on the cupboard in the room next the kitchen.

It was reported that Mr. Marks has not the Parish record book that is missing.

A letter from Mrs. Arthur Smith in regard to the heat in the Sunday School and dancing class was turned over to the Parish Committee.

It was suggested that the painting of the kitchen be suggested as a desirable next project.

Mr. Huebener mentioned that there are cigarette butts in the vestry after the choir has used it.

No Smoking Voted

It was, therefore, Voted, that Mr. Henderson

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put up No Smoking signs in the vestry.

Tercentenary Committee — Voted - that the Tercentenary be asked to add the following names to its honorary membership:

Allen Kingsbury
Mrs. Hayne
Rev. E. L. Allen
Richard Lincoln.

Ordination — Voted - that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to investigate the procedure of ordaining a assistant minister, and to cooperate with the Tercentenary Committee in arranging a date for the same.

Ministerial Fund — Mr. Marks will try to find the Mar. 8, 1950 minutes report of the Ministerial Fund. (To report presented to Annual Meeting.)

Mr. Marks read the action from Ministerial Fund by-laws in regard to sale of property. The question became: "Is the Warren land part of the land given for the support of a gospel minister" or is it part of the original property of the Church? On the answer to this question would depend the power of the Trustees to sell to Mr. Warren without a vote of the Parish.

Land-taking money — Mr. Marks asked what had happened to the money received from the sum of $[illegible] for the land-taking? The Treasurer said this money had been put into the general funds of the Church

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Mr. Norton then said that the Trustees had sent a letter requesting that this money be transferred to them. Such a letter was voted at the Trustees meeting of July 13. However, Mr. Henderson said that he had not sent the letter.

Mortgage

The Treasurer was reminded that a $200 repayment to the American Unitarian Association on the roofing mortgage is due November 27.

(The balance now is $306.91, but it will soon be burned up current bills to $250.)

Supper

Bazaar

In regard to the supper planned for November 11, it was reported that no one had been found to take the chairmanship.

Voted. – to have a bazaar on Dec. 8, 1950 and a supper on Sat. Dec. 9, 1950, with a table afterwards of material left from the bazaar.

Voted – that the Finance Committee be asked to run the bazaar.

C. Barelman, chm.
Orin Night
C. F. Allen
Mrs. Mae Geyer
Treasurer of S. B.

Voted. – the following committee for the supper:
Daniels Hamant – to call first meeting
Ralph Brown
Anne Young
J. Hardy Henderson

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- Mrs. Huebener
Mrs. Buchsteiner
Mrs. Richard Johnson
Mrs. Jennie Johnson
1st meeting to be Thurs. Nov. 16 in Chatley at 8 P.M.

Forum Voted - at request of Mr. Smith, that if Forums are to be held in Medfield this winter, this Church may be used for one or two meetings.

The next meeting of the Prudential Committee will be on Friday, Dec. 15

The meeting adjourned at 10.40.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish.

Dec. 15, 1950

The Prudential Committee met on Fri. Dec. 15 in the vestry. The meeting was called to order at 8.05 by Daniel Lamont, the Moderator, and Herbert F. Marks was appointed temporary clerk in the absence of Miss Smith.

Those present were:

Mrs. Huebener - Alliance
Daniel Lamont - Moderator
Clifford Boardman - Treasurer
Charles F. Allen - Collector
J. Hardy Henderson - Parish Committee
Richard Huebener
Herbert F. Marks

Collector — The report of the Collector was read. Receipts totalling 95.55 from collections and pew rental were reported. Report was accepted.

Treasurer — The Treasurer's report was read; receipts were as follows:

From Collector	95.55
" Christmas Stamps	207.29
" Xmas Supper receipts	52.50
" " Stamps Union	.08
" Boston School Co	37.00
	392.42
Check balance on hand	340.66
Paid from week of agreement	
Xmas fair	25.55

(see treas. sheets.)

The Treasurer read correspondence from Boston School Co. relative to the installation of the water heater.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Parish Committee — The Parish Committee reported storm damage to a window in the church tower, and said that repairs had been made. A defective light in the parsonage was reported by Mrs Lee, and will be repaired at her convenience.

This report was accepted.

Minist. Fund — A letter from the Trustees of the Mulfield Ministerial Fund was read.

[End of notes taken by Mr. Marks.]

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Note loan pay't

Voted. - That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the $200 due Nov. 29, 1950 to the American Unitarian Association of the $1500 roof loan.

This leaves a balance in the Treasury of $370, with about $15 due on outstanding bills.

2nd taking money

After lengthy discussion, it was

Voted. - That the Treasurer be asked to turn over to the Trustees before January 1, 1951, $103 of the money received recently from the Town of Medfield for land-taking, payment of the balance to be considered at the next meeting.

[Mr. Weeks left before this vote was completed.]

Nominating Committee

- A nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Mrs. Anna Young - to call first meeting
Frank Abbich
Richard Hixson
Mrs. Stewart Smith } alternates
Mrs. Bertha Jefferson }

Land-taking money

*Voted - That all money received from taking or sale of Church land be turned over to the Trustees of the Medfield Ministerial Fund to be spent for such improvements as are requested by the Incidental Committee.

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Clerk – Clerk's report of Nov. 10 meeting read and accepted.

The following honorary members of the Tercentenary Committee were reported by the Clerk;

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Nunnenberg
Mrs. Edwin J. Noyes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lincoln.

The Clerk raised the question of whether we wish to consider the two changes in regard to Article 3 – Board of Trustees – & Quorum on Prudential Committee.

Alliance – For the alliance, Mrs. Henderson reported as follows:

Birthday Party plans (Jan. 27)
Weaving week meeting
Pieces needed for other women, for auct.
Supper Birthday Party.

Respectfully submitted.
Louis Hamilton
Clerk of the Parish.

January 12, 1951

The Prudential Committee met on Jan. 12, 1951, at eight o'clock in the Vestry.

The following were present:

Janice Hobart – Moderator
Mrs. Howard Hume – S. S.
Clifford Boardman – Treasurer
Richard Henderson – Parish Committee
Mrs. Richard Henderson Alliance
J. Hardy Henderson – Parish Committee

Mr. Lee Louis Hamilton, Clerk.

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The Clerk's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer - The Treasurer reported -
$167.45 received from Collector
$345.69 - Check Balance
$516.14 - total

However, the $200 due the American Unitarian Association has not yet been paid. But $103 from the land-taking money has been paid to the Treasurer of the Sheffield Ministerial Fund.

The report was accepted.

Collector - The Collector reported
$167.48 turned over to the Collector.

Report accepted.

Mr. Lee - Mr. Lee said that the Tercentenary Committee should be informed that Mr. Parker will come to preach in May if invited.

Mr. Lee suggested that the Church should keep in touch with our boys in the service, certainly before Easter. [Mrs. Henderson has a list of our service men, and a list can be obtained from the Postmaster as to what men are there.

This Sunday, Mr. Lee said, Mr. Kenneth Warren, a second year student at Harvard, and a member of the Oklahoma City Unitarian Church, will preach for us.

Sunday School - For the Sunday School Mrs. Hume reported officers necessary so recent.

The school of the forty-seven table

could be cut in two, to make two whole tables of more practical use. She thanked Mr. Marks for fixing the light on the stage.

This report was accepted.

Alliance — Mrs. Huebner reported as follows for the Alliance:-

The alliance helped the Sunday School with the Christmas party, furnishing the "cubby cups" and popcorn balls.

- On the electric stove the two front burners work very poorly. Could they be fixed before Jan. 27, the Birthday Party?
- "Home talent" is needed for the party.
- The Church pledge will be passed soon.
- Mrs. Norman Evans talked recently on migrants in the United States.

This report was accepted.

Parish Committee — For the Parish Committee, J. H. Henderson reported as follows:

The light in the parsonage are fixed, but wiring is in poor condition, and there are only two fuse plugs. Therefore, there is likely to be frequent trouble.

The beam in the basement of the parsonage has broken again. The cellar wall apparently still needs repairing.

The pipes in the kitchen have been packed by Mr. Marks.

The Moderator asked the Parish

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committee to bring in an estimate on the electrical work needed in the parsonage.

Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee reported that all recent repairs of flowers have sent thanks.

A letter was then read from Mr. Lee, saying that he would be greatly honored if the Medford Church would consent to ordain him to the Unitarian ministry in May, 1951. - [The letter is in the Parish records.] -

Ordination Voted - That a Church meeting be called on the same evening as the annual Parish meeting to take up the following matters:

I - The request to ordain Mr. Lee

II. - The appointment of Deacons

Voted - That the matter of Mr. Lee's request for ordination be one of the articles in the warrant for the annual Parish meeting

(A note to both Church and Parish is necessary in order for the ordination to take place. If the votes are in the affirmative, Mr. Lee will arrange for the speakers.

The ceremony makes no demands upon the church other than a statement to be read by a Church official, and such plans for a reception as the church may or may not wish to provide.)

By-laws.- Voted - that the By-laws Committee of last year be asked to consider changes in the by-laws in the following respects, and report their opinion to the Prudential Committee:

The quorum for the Prudential Committee

The clarification of the duties of the Trustees. -

Nominating Committee Voted - that Mrs. Marion Henderson be the third member of the Nominating Committee. The other members are:

Mrs. Anne Young - to call the first meeting

Mr. Frank Aldrich

(Mr. Richard Johnson, Mrs. Jefferson, and Mrs. Stewart Smith all declined to serve.)

Land-taking Money Voted - that the Treasurer be asked to pay the remaining $100 already received from land-taking to the Trustees of the Medfield Ministerial Fund before Mar. 1, 1951. -

Pulpit Committee Voted - that the following constitute a Pulpit Committee, to make recommendations to the Parish concerning a new minister:

Daniel Hormont - to call first meeting

Orion Wright

Charles F. Allen

Mrs. Richard Johnson

Priscilla Cherney

Mr. Meade

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The meeting adjourned at 9.40.
Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish.

February 9, 1951

The Presidential Committee met in the vestry at 8 P.M. on Feb. 9, 1951.

The following were present:
Daniel Hemenway – Moderator
Charles F. Allen – Collector
Clifford Buchman – Treasurer
Mr. Richard Huebener – Parish Committee
Mrs. Richard Huebener – Alliance
J. Hardy Henderson – Parish Committee
Mr. Lee
Louise H. Smith, Clerk.

The Clerk's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer — The Treasurer reported as follows:
$148.37 received from Collector
$551.18 – balance on hand
The Finance Committee has drawn up a tentative budget for 1951-52, which can be changed before the Annual Meeting.
This report was accepted.

Collector — The Collector reported as follows:
$145.07 given to the Treasurer in January.
$386.22 receipts to date this year
($113.40 – " to same date last year.)

Of these receipts, $109 were rent.

Mr. Lee — Mr. Lee reported that this coming Sunday will be Boy Scout Sunday.

He reminded us that we should consider a gift to the American Unitarian Association this year, and that the only way we can get a full-time minister is if the A U A will give him $600.

(Pulpit Committee.) He also said that the Pulpit Committee should not delay too long, as men are being placed already for next year. He expressed the hope that we can have a full-time minister. He suggested as a procedure hearing a candidate preach on two Sundays, and that the candidate also meet with the Pulpit Committee one afternoon, and with the whole Church the other Sunday afternoon, to allow time for questions back and forth.

Mr. Lee will leave May 13 — [Mr. Lee's letter of resignation, as evidence of complete severance of his connections with this church, on May 13 was then read. This is in accordance with the 90 days notice agreement of last summer.] - The letter is in the parish records. - The Lees will vacate the parsonage in the week following May 13. -]

Mr. Lee reminded us that it is advantageous to a Church to lengthen the time between pastorates, pointing out that it

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would be advantageous for us to have a new minister actually here by August at the latest. Mr. Lee also said that Mr. Frank Smith of the American Unitarian Association will be glad to come out and talk the situation over with us.

Mr. Lee's report was accepted.

Alliance – Mrs. Huebner reported for the Alliance as follows:

The *250 pledge to the Church will be paid this week.

A new roll of paper has been bought to cover the tables for suppers.

The antique mugs are disappearing. Only 2 are left, and there used to be 60. They disappeared after the Xmas supper on Dec. 9, and before the Birthday Party on January 27. Plain white mugs have taken their place. Mrs. Huebner said that the Alliance is supposed to be in charge of dishes and silver, and that they would be locked up.

*32.00 was made on the Birthday Party. The weighing scales have been returned. A similar notice in regard to the mugs will be inserted in the Church letter.

It was suggested that we ask Mr. Amos Kinnaman to be on the alert for our mugs, which he probably remembers.

This report was accepted.

Parish Committee — For the Parish Committee, Mr. Henderson reported as follows:

The electric stove has been fixed.
In the parsonage, 8 bare plugs would cost $75.
(3 downstairs, 4 upstairs.)

Vestry rentals — The vestry has been rented recently to the Tofias employees, the Hatters' Union paying the rent. - There was no unpleasantness during this use of the vestry. $75 in rent has been received to date, at the rate of $15 per day. -

Jim Abbott rented the vestry for $1.50 last Saturday for square dancing, and may do so again in March.

February 26 - the Red Cross will meet in the vestry, paying no rent. (This will be the Church's donation to the Red Cross). - They would like to serve coffee and refreshments for about 35 after their meeting. -

Mr. Henderson suggested it might be desirable to have the rent of the vestry (now $1.50) be $10.00 if kitchen privileges are included. -

By-laws Revision — On regard to possible revisions of the by-laws, it was suggested that:

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Committee should be five instead of seven. (Article 9, Section C.)

In regard to Article 5 (Powers of the Board of Trustees), it was Voted: that the following Committee consider possible revisions and report at the next Prudential Committee meeting:

Orion Wright, Clifford Boardman, Mrs Laura Smith, Daniel Hamant, ex-officio.

The possibility of a Pot-luck supper, on March 14, before the Annual Meeting, was then considered.

The warrant for the Annual Meeting was then drawn up in tentative form, and the next meeting of the Prudential Committee set for the first Friday in March, Mar. 2, in order to complete preparation of the Warrant and allow posting of the Warrant a week before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10.05.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura H. Smith, Clerk.

Mar. 2, 1951

By* members of the Prudential Committee met in the vestry at 8 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. It was voted that the following warrant for the Annual Parish meeting, adjourn up to the following meeting, was authorized, and the Clerk instructed to return the warrant of one more Prudential Committee member before posting the warrant.

Laura H. Smith
Clerk

(* Hamant, Wade, Henderson, Mrs. Huebner, Bassett, Miss Smith.)

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday, March 14,1951
In the Vestry.

ARTICLE 1 - To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2 - To hear and act upon the reports of the Parish Officers and Chairmen of Committees.

ARTICLE 3 - To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of the Medfield Ministerial Fund.

ARTICLE 4 - To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE 5 - To elect the necessary Parish Officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE 6 - To hear a preliminary report from the Pulpit Committee.

ARTICLE 7 - To see if the Parish wishes to ordain Kendrick R. Lee, to the ministry.

ARTICLE 8 - To see if the Parish will vote to amend the Articles of Government in the following respects:

a. To re-define the quorum for meetings of the Prudential Committee.
b. To clarify the duties of the Board of Trustees.
c. To change the method of appointing Parish Committees.

ARTICLE 9 - To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Prudential Committee
Laura H. Smith
(signed) Laura H. Smith
Clerk of the Parish

March 5, 1951.

Apr. 11, 1951

The Prudential Committee met in the vestry with following members present - Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. MacGregor, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Mair, Mrs. Henderson. Mr Allen and Mr Weeks came late.

Clerk's report — The Clerks report read & accepted

Treas. — The Treasurer reported bals. on hand on $188.18

Coll. — Collector reported he had turned over to Treasurer $28.17 for the four sundays in March and the rent of vestry.

Church Com. — Parish Committee reported the work going along well & redecorated vestry and kitchen, but there was still need of more help.

Alliance — Alliance reported the officers for the coming year would be elected at the next meeting - May 8 P.M. Summer Sale will be held on Apr. 27.

Church School — No report from the Sunday School or the ministry.

Ministerial Fund — Trustees of the Ministerial Fund reported that $200 bonder had been put on the fire insurance policy with Dedham & Norfolk until action was taken at this meeting. So voted that $200 be added to Dedham & Norfolk policy and that $800 be added to Worcester Mutual

making a total of $18,800 insurance on the Church Building.

Parish Committee has reported that Mr. Lee's ordination would take place in May in this Church. Mr. Lee will plan and say for invitations and programs and the Church should take care of the reception. The Fund committee appointed Mrs. Orin Higgins & Chairman of the reception committee and that she be asked to appoint her own committee. At the next meeting on May 11 we are to appoint nominating reception committee, name should be on call program.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Ann B. McIlvar as Church Letter editor to become effective at end of June 1951. It was accepted with regret.

It was voted to send $15 to United Unitarian Appeal which is a duty we should perform each year.

A letter was received from ~~United~~ Unitarian Service Committee Higgins asking that a chairman be appointed from each church. Mrs. Rose Pokelny was appointed, and Mrs. Hale Lewandowski as an alternate.

It was voted that the resolutions for the Annual Meeting of 1951 A.U.A. be handed to the delegates to vote as they believed.

Pulpit Comm. Pulpit Committee reported that Dr. Wm. Burt Talbot would be candidate for Sun. Mar. 22. and that Mr. Farrar will be the choice for Sp. 29. Mr. Beach is regarded as this Church

Mr. & Mrs Everett Adams were voted as members of this Unitarian Society.

Committees. The following Committees were appointed.

Hospitality Comm.

Mrs K. Huebener
Mrs R. Young
Mrs F. Mair
Miss Judith Barrie
Miss Priscilla Cheney
Mrs Burke Jefferson

House Committee

Mrs Akers to get wife & pick members for approval.

Usher Committee

Mr. Joseph Mair
Mr Harry Young
Mr. C. L. Allen
Mr Alden Mead
Mr. R. E. Huebner

Visiting Committee

Dr. Henry Benjamin
Mrs John A. Trevell
Mrs Chas. L. Allen
Mrs John B. MacGregor
Mrs Howard Jane

Music Comm

Mrs. Alden Mead
" Howard Jane
Mrs. R. C. Lincoln
Mr. G. Stuart Smith

The Religious Education committee to be appointed at the May meeting after Clerk has asked suggestions from Church School Supt.

The visiting Committee was chosen from different part of the town. To map out the territory & notify him or her them if necessary.

Respectfully submitted
Edith F. Allen
Clerk.

May 11, 1951

The Prudential Committee met in the Vestry on May 11, 1951, with the following members present - Jas Lenander, Jas MacFegan, Mrs Allen, Mr Johnson, Mr Webb, Mr Weir and Mrs. Allen.

Clerks report read & approved.

Collector reported that he had turned over to Treasurer $258.30 since last meeting.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $112.03.

Letter from Trustees of Maintenance Fund read asking that payment be made on mortgage interest. Voted to pay interest on the two mortgages.

Clerk read note from Mrs Orion Wright

Chairman of Ordination Reception Committee requesting gown $3.15 for reception expenses. Voted to buy the gown $3.15. Mrs. Wright also reported the following committee for year: Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Miller. Also a Junior Committee of Misses Davis and her two oldest sisters, Myrtle Cummings, Charlotte Fenton, Jan Read, and Barbara Simmons.

Mrs. Wright read the following names to serve on her home committee for ensuing year. Sept. Mrs. Benjamin, Oct. Mrs. Allen; Nov. Mrs. Anderson, Dec. Mrs. Young, Dec. Mrs. Read; Jan. Mrs. Allen; Feb. Mrs. Read; March Mrs. Wright; Apr. Mrs. Young; May, Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Young; June Mrs. Read and Mrs. Young. Voted to accept report as read.

Mrs. Allen asked to consult with Mrs. Woodward as to list of new in service. This was suggested from letter from G.L.A. that Churches keep in contact with their servicemen.

Motion was made & carried to pay bill of $2.38 & insurance - card received.

Mrs. Wright reported that she had

committee could have Mr. Alder as the guest of honor the next Sunday. Mr. Wright also read letter from Mrs. Leach stating she would like to come here, but would expect Captain Lyons at the passage. This matter was to wait until Mrs. Leach was down for the meeting and would then talk with Mrs. Wright.

Lewis Committee reported the availability of a second hand electric [illegible] but the cost of repairs would be too high. [illegible] suggested the Lewis Committee use their judgement on purchases for store.

Alliance reported the new officers for coming year. Mrs. Burbeck, Pres., Mrs. Aldrich, 1st vice president, Mrs. Leach 2nd vice president, Mrs. Harris secretary, Mrs. Weatherbee treas. They had a good meeting once a month & will probably have the good and regular sales in Parlors & Hall as previously.

The appointment of the Religious Education committee was postponed until the next meeting as no one knew the ages of church members and there were not enough church members on the committee.

Mrs. Dufferne was asked to contact Mrs. Lee and find out whether church records were in the parsonage. Mrs. Lee received - the parsonage advanced money to buy an upright and the understanding is the money is raised to repay him as soon as possible.

No further business meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. J. Allen
Clerk.

Special Prudential Meeting
May 23, 1951

Report by Mr. Works ~~and Mr. Allen~~ of the pulpit committee. ~~They~~ We made no recommendation, simply stated facts concerning conversation with Mr. Beach, and that they found the parsonage in generally good condition, except the cellar rear wall and an defective radiator. Above mentioned to be repaired regardless of who the minister was.

The foregoing warrant was drawn up on the request of the Pulpit Committee.

Special Parish Meeting Thurs. May 31 at 7:30.

Art. 1. To elect a moderator for the meeting

Art 2. To consider calling a minister, or do or act anything relating thereto.

The clerk sent cards for the meeting.

Resp. submitted
Fred N. Allen
Clerk

Prudential Comm. Meeting June 15, 1951

Clerks report read and accepted
Treas. absent, there no report given
Collector reported he had given Treas $4.10 for month of May.

Parish Committee reported they had contacted
repair cellar wall, parsonage — Mrs. Harold Simpson about repairing cellar wall at parsonage. Mrs. Simpson gave rough estimate of $70.00
gas range — Reported gas range new will cost 139.50 for the parsonage, but Company will install new one for $110 with a $5.00 carrying charge for 15 months.
gas range $110 + interest — Voted to appropriate $110 plus interest to buy gas range for parsonage.
wall of parsonage — Voted $110 to repair north wall of parsonage

The following Religious Education committee was appointed. Mrs. Arion Wright, Mrs. Hardy Henderson and Mrs John Rockelly, with Mrs Alden Meade and Mrs Ralph Brown as alternates.

Voted to hold a Parish Meeting on June 27 at 8 o'clock in the Vestry, & the following warrant was drawn.

Art 1. To elect a moderator for said meeting
Art 2. To consider hiring a minister or do or act anything relating thereto.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth N. Allen
Clerk.

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